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With all three Dragon Knights imprisoned, the fate of the Dragon Realm falls into an unlikely set of hends—Zome's! The demon with a heart of gold has journeyed from Drequeen to Kainaldia to give the wind staff to Cesia. At last, he succeeds... or does he? With Cesie's evil alter ego in control, hending her the wind staff will give Nadil an unstoppabla weepon. Will Zome recognize Dark Cesia in time? Will the Dragon Knights find a way to escape from Nadil's dungeon? And whet will happen to Kitchel and Ringleys now that they're on their own?

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THE DRAGON LORD & THE DEMON LORD:

A HISTORY OF THE BATTLE TO CONTROL DUST

GERARD CZERNOZURA

The Keeper of the Tome

My name is Cereozuro and I am the chief administrator for the Dragon castle, Draqueen, in the heart of Dragoon, the Dragon Kingdom. Within these pages I will attempt to chronicle the events of yesteryear in the hopes that it will in turn offer some future understanding of the chaos that currently befalls us. I feel it is imperative that I record a comprehensive history of the events that have led to this dark hour, for I fear that none will remain to tell the tale. My only hope is that this tome may survive so that future generations will know of the valiance of the Dragon Tribe.

Rise of the Demon Lord

Our worst fears have come to pass. The Demon Lord Nadil has been resurrected, and he has stolen from the bosom of our care the fortuneteller Cesta who harbors an incredible magic that we have only just begun to witness. In the service of a villain as pernicious as Nadil, Cesta whether against her will or willingly giving in to the seductive charm of the dreaded Demon Lord, may prove to be the most dangerous threat we've faced.

Into the Abyss

The Dragon Knights have been dispatched to Rainaldio, the kingdom of the Demon Lord, charged with rescuing Cesta. While their journey was not without its share of peril, all three knights have at last gained entry to Nadil's castle, an ominous-looking fortress that rests atop a dead island surrounded by an ocean of souls. And remarkably they were not the only ones.

In addition to the thousands of demons that swear allegiance to Nadil, there is at least one who doesn't. Zoma, the small winged demon, has long been a companion of Cesta. Attempting to bring her the powerful wind staff that was bequeathed to us by the star princess, Zoma has joined with Ritchel, a thief who has proven herself to be a loyal ally to Lykouleon Kingleys. Ritchel's faerie companion, and Tinilee, Rune's beloved. They, too, have gained entrance to Nadil's palace and word has reached our far palace that they have joined forces with the Dragon Knights.

This news is well received as it seems our heroes need whatever help they can accrue. Word travels through the demon ranks that all three of the Knights have been captured and are now imprisoned in Nadil's rank dungeon. The prison at Rainaldia is known to be inescapable, and it is particularly deadly for Dragon Clan. It is surrounded by the Sea of the Dead—a vast moat of damned souls, each desiring a living body to possess. If a living being were to wander too close to any of them, life for that poor creature would end in an instant, while the previously unsanctified soul would gain a new existence. It is this abominable hole that Thatz and Rune are currently situated in. Rath, however, currently suffers in solitude in a hell of a different sort.

It has been revealed that the Demon Lord shares a dark bond with the Dragon Knight of Fire. It's a connection that has taken root within their very souls, and it appears that nothing can be done to lift it. It's a brotherhood of sorts—a melding of spirits that this simple administrator struggles to comprehend. One thing is certain: this bond protects Nadil. The Demon Lord's life is protected by the breath of our young Rath. If Rath still lives, so does the Demon Lord. I shiver when I think of what this discovery means. For if we are ever to rid ourselves of the foul Demon Lord, we must first kill Dragoon's greatest warrior—Rath, the Dragon Knight of Fire.

The Heroes of Dragon Knights

Lord Lykouleon

The beloved Dragon Lord, Lykouleon is the seventh ruler of Dragonia. The ruler of the Dragon Clan and the knight of the Dragon Army has all his command.

Lady Roseleane

Lykouleon's queen, the Lady Roseleane was rendered barred by the Demon Lord and unable to provide Lykouleon with an heir.

Dragon Officers

Harnessing the power of the five Dragon Gods the Dragon Officers should number five strong, but after the Demon Army's assault on Dragonia, only two officers remain.

Kuwalk

The Yellow Dragon Officer and Secretary of State.

Tetheus

The Black Dragon Officer and Secretary of Security

Cernozura

The Dragon Castle Administrator, Cernozura is now a self-appointed castle Maharaja.

Dragon Knights

Rath

The Dragon Knight of Fire, Rath is part Naga and feels for killing demons

Thatz

The Dragon Knight of Earth, the human Thatz was once a thief and his love for gold hasn't human

Rune

The Dragon Knight of Water, Rune is an elf and has abilities the other two Dragon Knights lack.

Other Allies

Cesia

A half-demon fortuneteller with the ability to enhance the power of things in close proximity to her

Zima

Cesia's demon friend and companion

Tortier

A Lizzie who has sacrificed much for her beloved Rune and her dying race

Kitchel

Another thief hired by Lykouleon, human possesses the powerful Three Treasures and is trying to get them to Dragonia.

Ringleys

A Lizzie who was rescued from a demon and now accompanies Kitchel

Lim Kaana

This feisty little fighter human is also a friend to Lykouleon and can't leave Rune as is Rune.

Star Princess

Not much is known about the powerful princess, but she has enabled Rath as human ancestors.

Goldfish

The Star Princess's bodyguard. Both the Princess and Goldfish seem to be friendly to Lykouleon's cause

Nohiro

A human on a mission to save the dying Lizzie race. Has assisted Rune in the past.

The Villains of Dragon Knights

Nadi

The evil and justly feared Demon Lord Nadi had been slain by the Dragon Lord, but his body was recently retrieved and resurrected by his loyal army. Now he once again provides evil the Darkest Blade, hungry for revenge.

Demon Officers

Shydeman

One of Nadi's generals, Shydeman led the successful attack on Dragoon that brought back the Demon Lord.

Shyrendora

Another general, Shyrendora is keen to Shydeman and vows to Tellesia, who fights against her as one of the Dragon Officers.

Fedelea

Answering directly to Shydeman, Fedelea has become one of the most vicious officers in the Demon Army.

Lady Medemea

Another officer in Nadi's army, Medemea has an ongoing rivalry with Fedelea.

Other Enemies

Bierrez

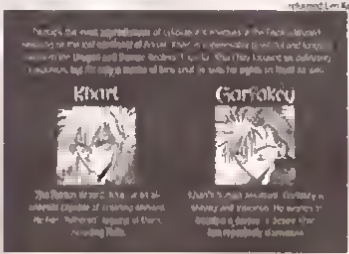
The infamous rogue demon, Bierrez's loyalties lie not with the Demon Lord, but with himself.

Saabel

The so-called "Collector of Corpses," Saabel possesses the ability to reanimate the dead into puppets for combat.

Leelu Reel

Small and powerful, Leelu Reel holds a special connection with—and strong hatred for—the returned Lee Kagna.



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HYURA
GLACIOSA
KAINALDIA
MEMPHIS
HERMOSA
KUULTA
DRAGOON
THREE POLES OF BEGINNING
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DRAGON KNIGHTS
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A World Away

SNOW CREWGER AND ICE ILLUSER ACTUALLY BELONGED TO THE DRAGON LORD.
FOR YEARS THEIR SOULS WERE HELD HOSTAGE BY NADIL.
WHEN AT LAST THEY WERE RELEASED, THE DRAGON DOGS RETURNED TO LORD LYKOULEON.
WHAT HAPPENED TO CREWGER AND ILLUSER?
UGH.
HEH.
...TELLING YOU ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.
I FEEL WEIRD...
REALLY?
LOYAL TO THE END...

WELL, ACCORDING TO RUNE...
RUNE...
OOPS!
SORRY!! FORGET IT!
I'M SO INSENSITIVE!
ARE YOU OKAY?
TINTLET'S MEMORIES ARE MAKING YOU SWOON FOR RUNE.
IT'S OKAY.
ANYWAY, ABOUT CREWGER AND ILLUSER...

AFTER THEIR SOULS WERE RELEASED, ILLUSER TRIED TO PROTECT THE DRAGON LORD, AND...
HUH!

!
HUH?
WHO'S LEELU REEL?
LEELU REEL!!
DO YOU KNOW HER, LIM?

IT'S MY MEMORY, RIGHT?
I KNOW HER FACE AS WELL AS HER NAME.
I KNOW HER.
SHUSH! YOU'RE TOO LOUD!
YOU ACTUALLY REMEMBERED. I THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE FORGOTTEN ME.
WOW...
THE NEW LIM.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF YOU'D JUST VANISHED COMPLETELY.
THEN, AT LEAST, MY POWER WOULD'VE DOUBLED.

DO EVERYONE A FAVOR AND GET LOST.
RIGHT NOW YOU'RE INCOMPLETE.
AND YOU'RE TOO MUCH FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT.
THE LIGHT AROUND YOU...
THE WINGS...
IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ME SICK.
YOU'RE SUCH A DRAMA QUEEN, LEELU!
LOOK, I'M NOT YOUR PROBLEM ANYMORE, SO LEAVE ME ALONE!

THEN I'LL HAVE ALL THE POWER FOR MYSELF.
I COULD HAVE THE STONE MONUMENT IN THE FOREST!
IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, I MIGHT AS WELL CUT YOU OUT OF MY LIFE COMPLETELY.
THE SEALED STONE MONUMENT!
I HAVE TO MAKE HER TELL US!
LEELU REEL!
SHE'S THE GUARDIAN OF THE STONE MONUMENT!
I HAVE TO ASK HER ABOUT THE WATER OF CHANGE!
I MUST'VE FORGOTTEN!

!!
LEELU!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WATER OF CHANCE?!

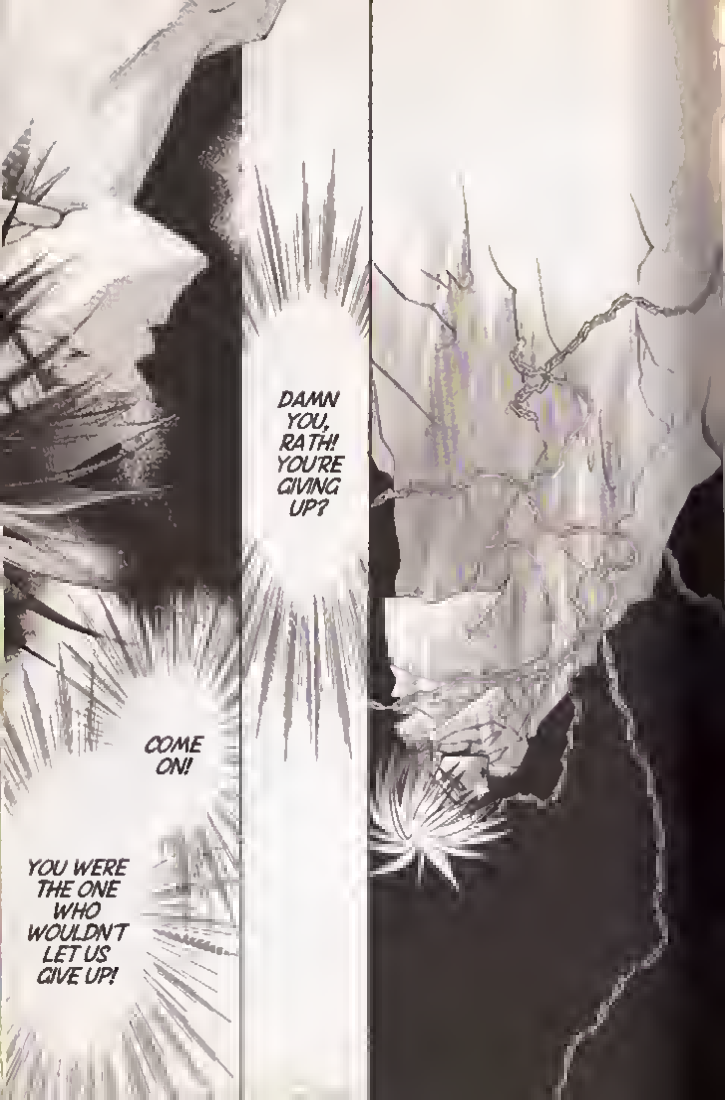
...HAVE TO TAKE THE WATER OF CHANGE WITH ME.
I...
CHING
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU--?! NOTHING!
CHING
I WON'T LET YOU KILL ME!
IF YOU GET IN THE WAY OF MY MISSION, I'LL--
TINTLET, THIS WAY!

I DOUBT YOU'D FIND IT SO SIMPLE. I'M A FAERIE NOW, BUT I'M NOT A WEAKLING.
GO ON.
TRY.
YOU'LL WHAT? WILL YOU KILL ME?
I'LL DESTROY YOU AND SWALLOW YOUR POWER.
I HAVEN'T LOST MY ABILITY TO KILL... OR MY PASSION FOR IT.
LIM, COME ON. YOU'RE NOT A DEMON ANYMORE.
THIS TALK OF KILLING?
IT NO LONGER SUITS YOU.

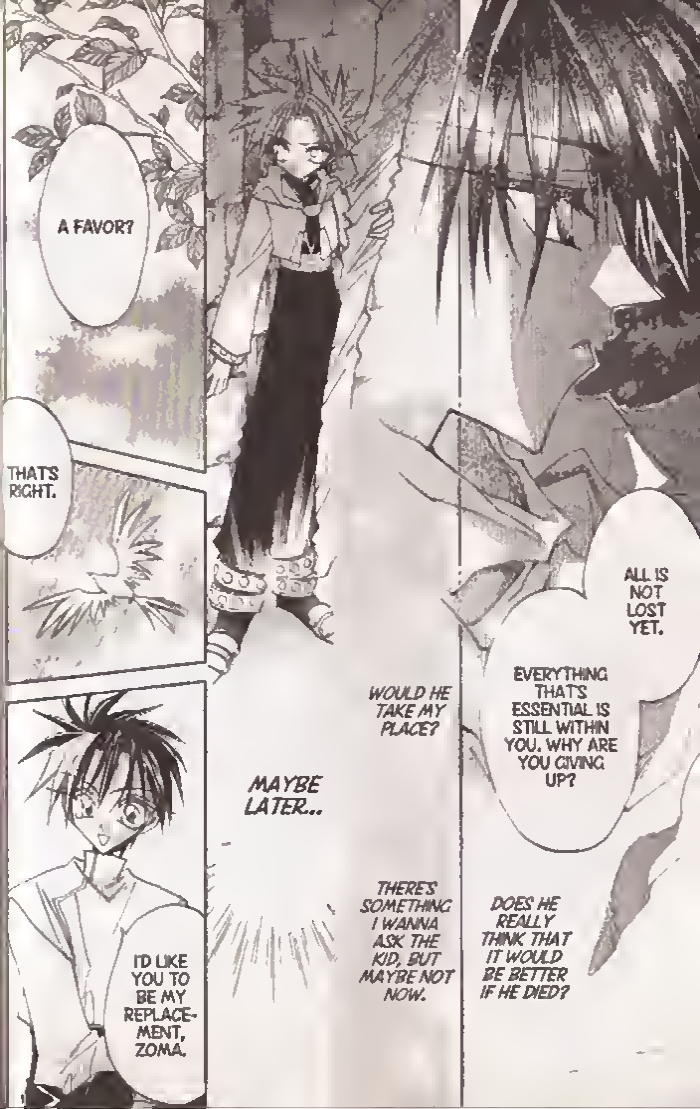
IF YOU DID DEFEAT ME AND ABSORB MY POWER, YOU MIGHT FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PRECIOUS WATER OF LIFE.
YOU CAN'T REMEMBER ON YOUR OWN. YOU DON'T EVEN REALLY REMEMBER ME, DO YOU?
WHAT?
IS THAT WHY THEY LOOK ALIKE?
AND AFTER ALL THE EXPERIENCES WE'VE SHARED...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
AAAAH!
WE'D BETTER GET LOST!
TALK ABOUT BAD TIMING!

IF LEELU WERE KILLED, WOULD LIM DIE TOO?
I'M SO CONFUSED. LEELU SAID THAT SHE WOULD BECOME STRONGER IF SHE KILLED LIM. WHAT DOES SHE MEAN BY THAT?
SHARED EXPERIENCES?
TINTLET...
LIM'S A BIT TIED UP NOW.
SNEAK AROUND AND TRY TO FIND THE WATER OF CHANGE. BUT DO IT QUIETLY.
ARE LIM KAANA AND THIS LEELU REEL DEMON... TWINS?
THE SAME KIND OF DEMON? OR FROM THE SAME THE FAMILY?
SURE.
I'LL TRY.
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!! WHY ME?!
IN THE MEANTIME, RINGLEYS AND I WILL TRY TO HELP HER OUT.

HEY, I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU GUYS SOMETHING, BUT I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE.
.....
THE WATER SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS DESERT.
ASK AWAY.
WHAT IS IT?
WELL...
...I WAS WONDERING WHAT THOSE FLOATING STONES ARE.
FLOATING STONES?!
WHAT?


DAMN YOU, RATH! YOU'RE GIVING UP?
COME ON!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WOULDN'T LET US GIVE UP!

ARE MY THOUGHTS NOT REACHING HIM...
...OR IS HE SIMPLY NOT LISTENING?
HIS MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE ALREADY GONE.
THEN HE'S ALREADY GIVEN UP.
NO...

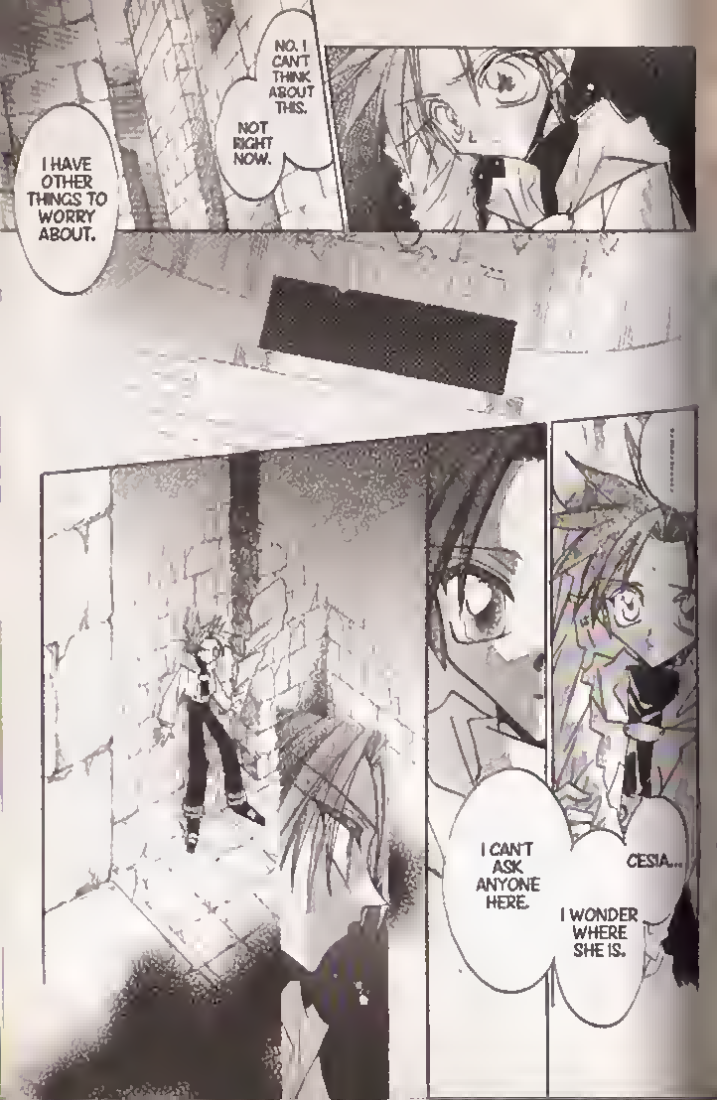

A FAVOR?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'D LIKE YOU TO BE MY REPLACE-MENT, ZOMA.
MAYBE LATER...
WOULD HE TAKE MY PLACE?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANNA ASK THE KID, BUT MAYBE NOT NOW.
DOES HE REALLY THINK THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE DIED?
EVERYTHING THAT'S ESSENTIAL IS STILL WITHIN YOU. WHY ARE YOU GIVING UP?
ALL IS NOT LOST YET.

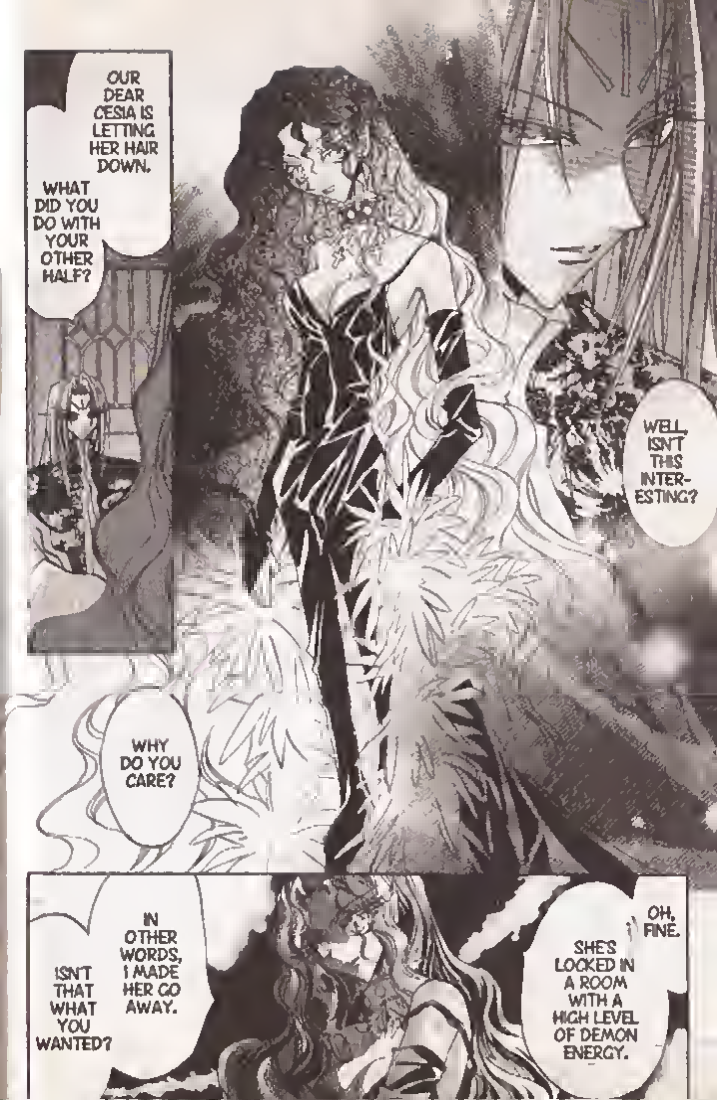
ITS JUST THAT IN ORDER FOR ME TO BE FREE...
...AND FOR THE DRAGON CLAN TO BE FREE...
...I'LL NEED A REPLACE-MENT.
UMM... HAVE YOU LOOKED AT ME?! I CAN'T KILL DEMONS LIKE YOU!
OH, I'D STILL KILL ALL THE DEMONS. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
YOUR REPLACE-MENT?!
I'M RESPON-SIBLE FOR YOU.
OKAY.
...BUT WHY ME?

HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!
??
?
...THAT IT WAS MY FAULT YOU WERE SEPARATED FROM A BIRD AND TURNED INTO A DEMON.
IT MEANS ...
!!!
ZOMA, YOU HAVE POWER.
IN FACT, YOU *SHOULD* HAVE AS MUCH POWER AS I DO.
?
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
POWER...
...NOT TO MENTION THE QUALIFICATIONS.
ZOMA, I DARESAY YOU'RE MORE QUALIFIED TO BE ME THAN I AM.
THERE'S NO ONE BETTER QUALIFIED. WELL, ALMOST NO ONE.

BUT IT WOULD BE HARD TO FIND HIM NOW
ZOMA, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO HAVE MORE POWER?
THEN YOU COULD PROTECT CESIA.
IF YOU TAKE OVER FOR ME, YOU COULD EASILY DO THAT.
COME...
I'LL UNITE YOU AND THAT BIRD INTO ONE BODY. ONE BODY INSIDE OF ME...
ALTHOUGH, YOU'LL NEED TO BE CAREFUL.
YOU'RE A BIRD BY NATURE. IF YOU'RE TURNED INTO A BIRD DEMON...
...IT WON'T BE EASY TO RETURN TO BEING A HUMAN DEMON.

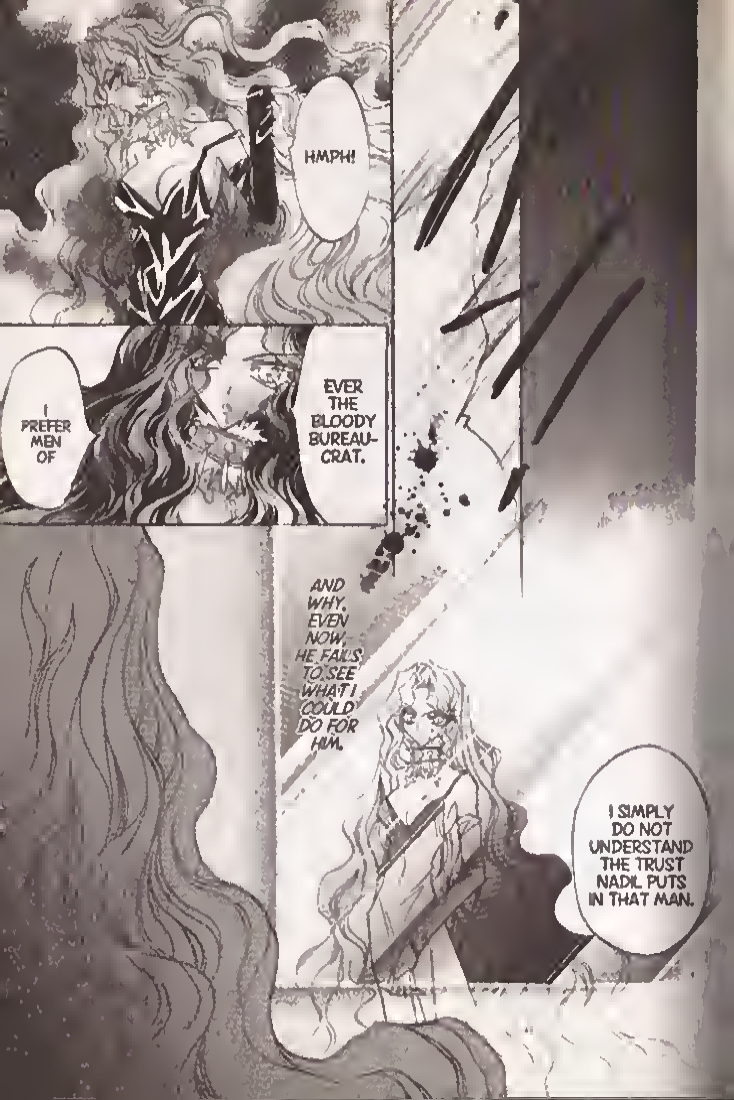
OF COURSE...
...THE ISSUE OF YOU BEING MY REPLACEMENT...
...IS A DIFFERENT MATTER ENTIRELY.
HIS REPLACEMENT...
THAT'S VERY DIFFERENT THAN PRETENDING TO BE HIM WHILE HE'S GONE.
THAT I KNOW I CAN DO.


I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.
NO. I CAN'T THINK ABOUT THIS.
NOT RIGHT NOW.
I CAN'T ASK ANYONE HERE.
CESIA...
I WONDER WHERE SHE IS.

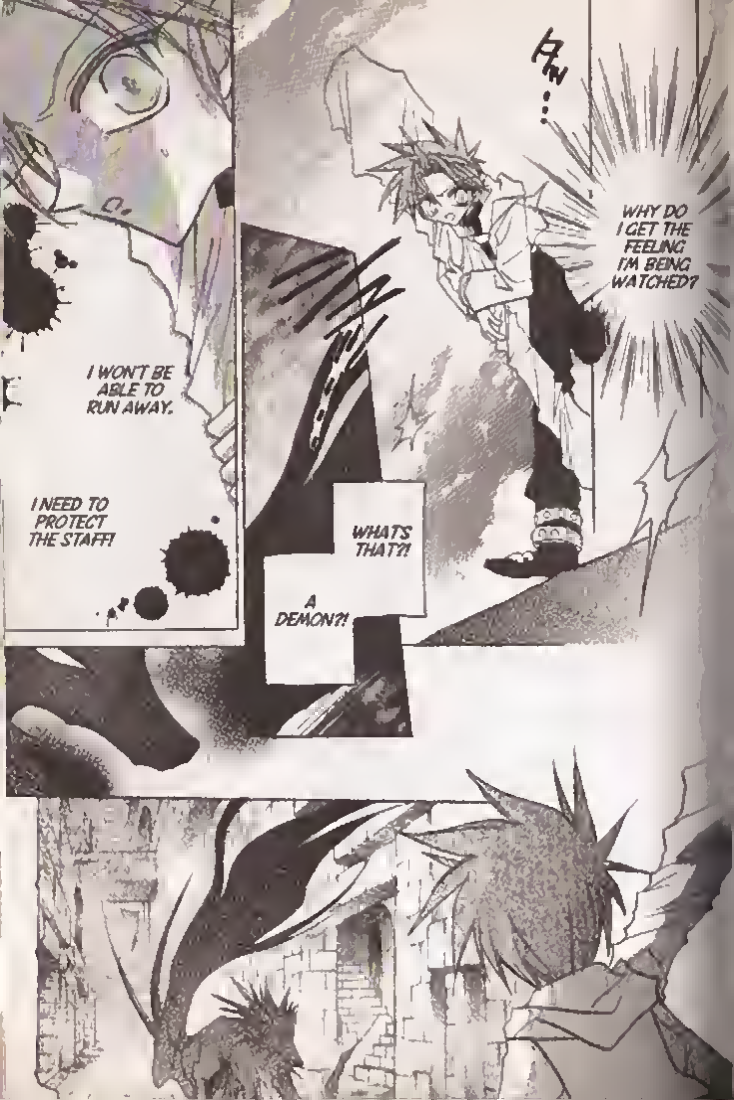

OUR DEAR CESIA IS LETTING HER HAIR DOWN.
WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR OTHER HALF?
WELL, ISN'T THIS INTER-ESTING?
WHY DO YOU CARE?
OH, FINE.
SHE'S LOCKED IN A ROOM WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF DEMON ENERGY.
IN OTHER WORDS, I MADE HER GO AWAY.
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU WANTED?

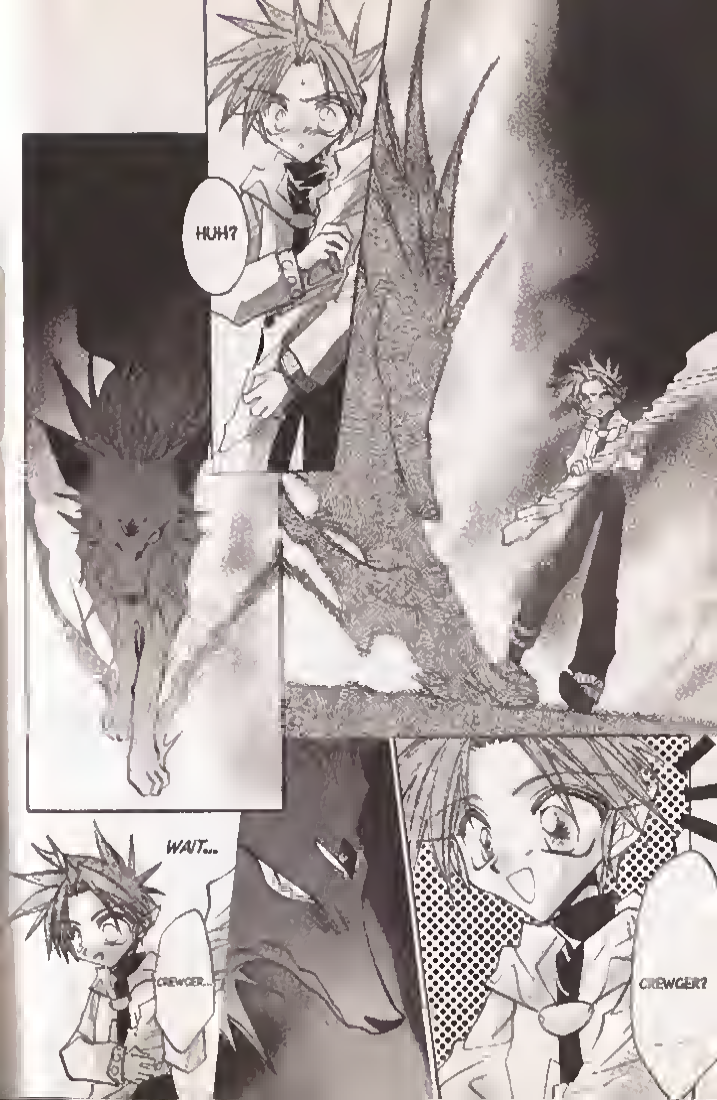
IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN RESOLVED.
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.
BECAUSE YOU HAVE A NASTY LITTLE HABIT OF SWITCHING BACK.
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT.
GOOD! THEN LET OUT ME OF HERE.
AND I CAN'T LET YOU OUT...
...ONLY TO HAVE YOUR SUNNY SIDE REEMERGE.
WHY NOT?!
I HAVE THINGS TO DO, YOU KNOW.
I'M NOT THE SORT OF GIRL TO SIT AT HOME ON A SATURDAY NIGHT.

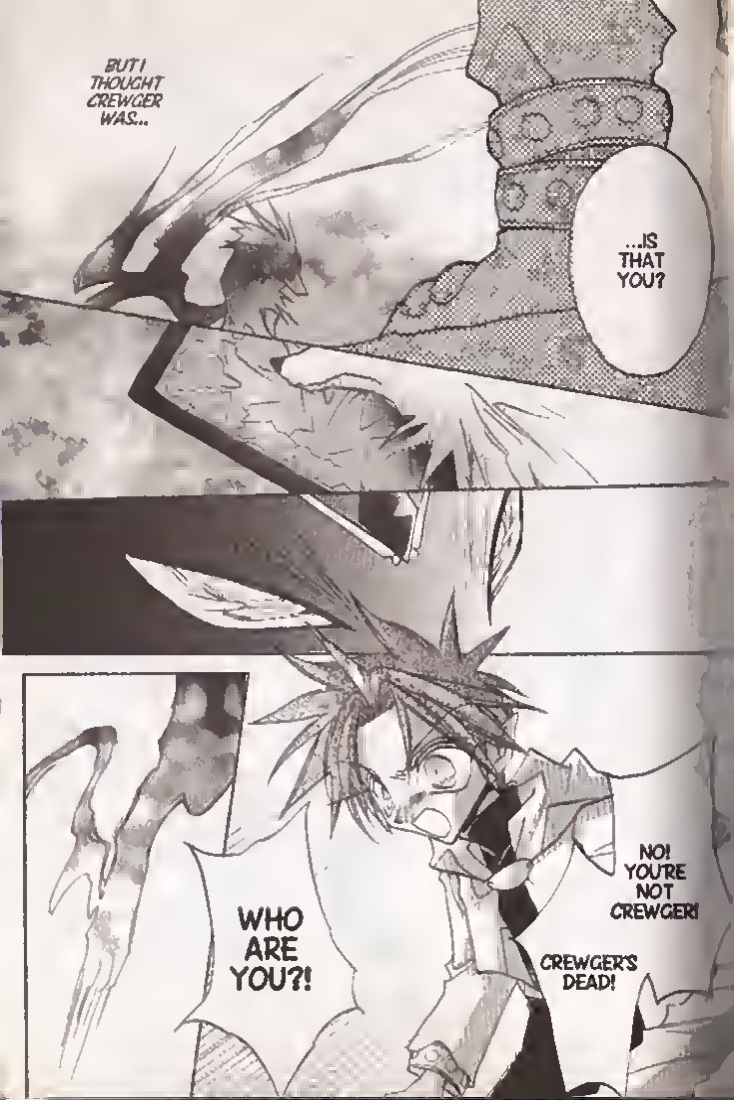
COULD YOU IMAGINE THE SORT OF SCANDAL THAT WOULD CAUSE?
IF RELEASED...
...I COULD KILL RATH FOR YOU.
YEAH, I KNOW YOU COULD...
...BUT WE HAVE GUYS TAKING CARE OF THAT ALREADY.
JUST STAY PUT. IT WON'T BE LONG.


I SIMPLY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE TRUST NADIL PUTS IN THAT MAN.
AND WHY, EVEN NOW, HE FAILS TO SEE WHAT I COULD DO FOR HIM.
HMPH!
EVER THE BLOODY BUREAU-CRAT.
I PREFER MEN OF

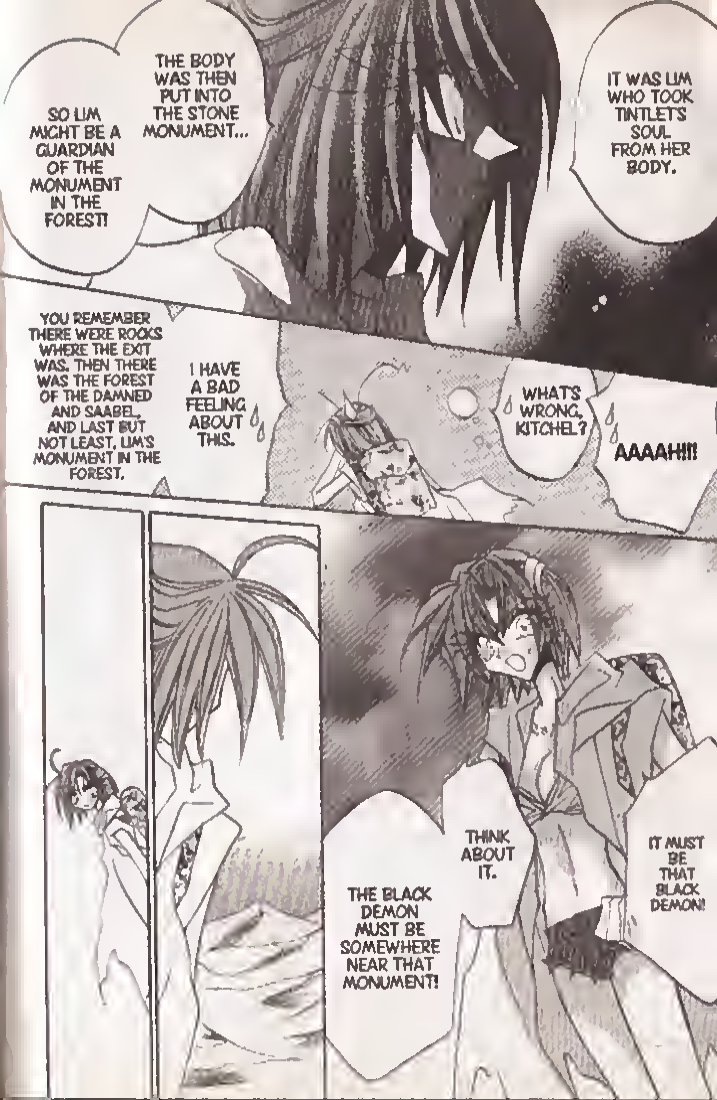
WHOOOO
SNAP


HM...
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING I'M BEING WATCHED?
I WON'T BE ABLE TO RUN AWAY.
I NEED TO PROTECT THE STAFF!
WHATS THAT?!
A DEMON?!


HUH?
WAIT...
CREWGER...
CREWGER?

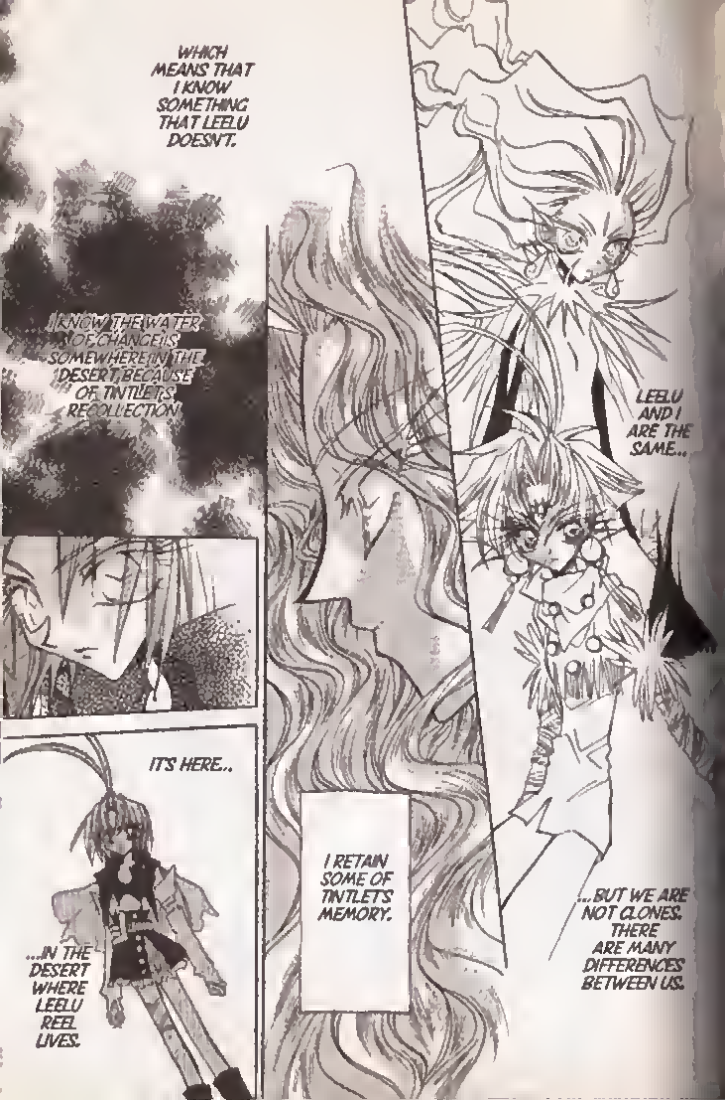

BUT I THOUGHT CREWGER WAS...
...IS THAT YOU?
WHO ARE YOU?!
NO! YOU'RE NOT CREWGER!
CREWGER'S DEAD!

HUH?
WAS IT WHEN YOU WERE SEPARATED FROM YOUR BODY?
IT WAS WHEN I WAS IN THE FOREST.
I REMEMBER, BUT ONLY VAGUELY.
YES! YES, IT WAS!
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!
I SAW THAT SAME STONE WHEN I WAS UNCONSCIOUS!
.....!!
RUNE MIGHT HAVE SEEN IT...
...RIGHT BEFORE WE RAN INTO HIM.
IT MIGHT BE—
THE STONE MONUMENT IN THE FOREST...
ME NEITHER. WE DIDN'T RUN INTO IT.
A STONE MONUMENT IN THE FOREST?
DID YOU SEE IT, RINGLEYS?

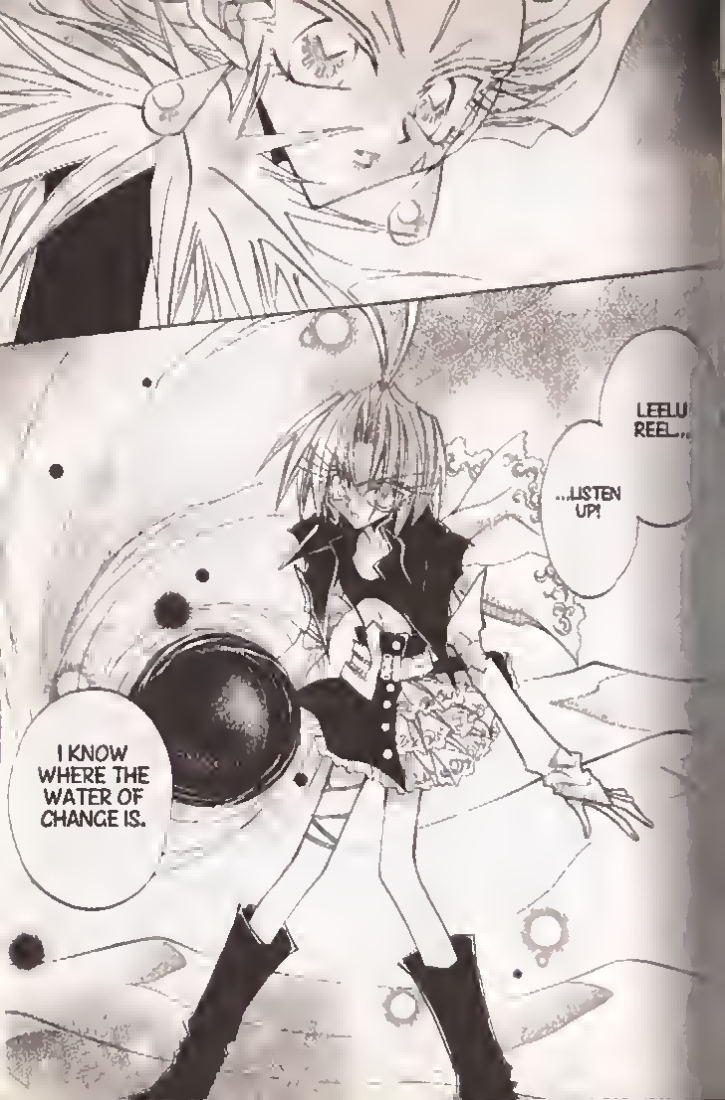

SO LIM MIGHT BE A GUARDIAN OF THE MONUMENT IN THE FOREST!
THE BODY WAS THEN PUT INTO THE STONE MONUMENT...
IT WAS LIM WHO TOOK TINTLET'S SOUL FROM HER BODY.
YOU REMEMBER THERE WERE ROCKS WHERE THE EXIT WAS. THEN THERE WAS THE FOREST OF THE DAMNED AND SAABEL, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, LIM'S MONUMENT IN THE FOREST.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.
WHAT'S WRONG, KITCHEL?
AAAAH!!!
THINK ABOUT IT.
IT MUST BE THAT BLACK DEMON!
THE BLACK DEMON MUST BE SOMEWHERE NEAR THAT MONUMENT!

YOU MEAN FEDELTA?
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S HERE!
I CAN FEEL IT!
I'VE SEEN THE MONUMENT BEFORE, TOO.
I PUT TINTLET'S BODY UNDERNEATH THE STONE AS BAIT FOR RUNE.
FEDELTA WAS THE DEMON WHO TOLD ME TO HIDE IT.
AND WHO KEPT TORMENTING ME AFTERWARDS. COME TO THINK OF IT, THE GUY'S A REAL JERK.

ゴボ
BUT WHY WAS HE INTERESTED IN ME? UNLESS...
...LEELU IS...
WATER
AND I...
I WAS A DEMON CREATED FROM WATER BY ONE OF SHYDEMAN'S SPELLS.
THAT MEANS LEELU AND I ARE...
...DEMONS WITH THE SAME FORM. A DEMON TO BE SHARED.
BUT BY WHOM?
BY SHYDEMAN.


WHICH MEANS THAT I KNOW SOMETHING THAT LEELU DOESN'T.
...I KNOW THE WATER SOURCE CHANGE IS SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT, BECAUSE OF TINTLET'S RECOLLECTION.
LEELU AND I ARE THE SAME...
IT'S HERE..
I RETAIN SOME OF TINTLET'S MEMORY.
...BUT WE ARE NOT CLONES. THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US.
...IN THE DESERT WHERE LEELU REEL LIVES.

THE WATER IS RIGHT HERE.
I'M SURE OF IT.

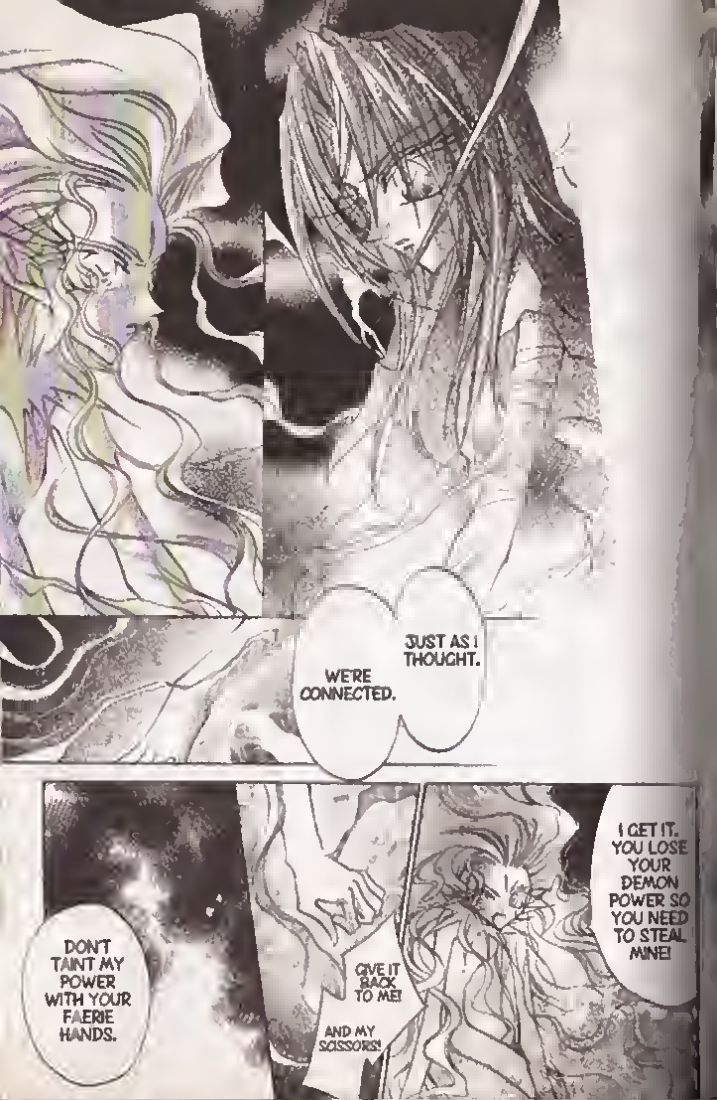

LEELU REEL...
...LISTEN UP!
I KNOW WHERE THE WATER OF CHANGE IS.

I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO.
ITS CLEAR TO ME.
?!

IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY.
ALL I NEED TO DO IS...
!!
MY SCISSORS!
ARE YOU TRYING TO STEAL MY POWER?!
NO.
WE'RE SHARING...
...SISTER.

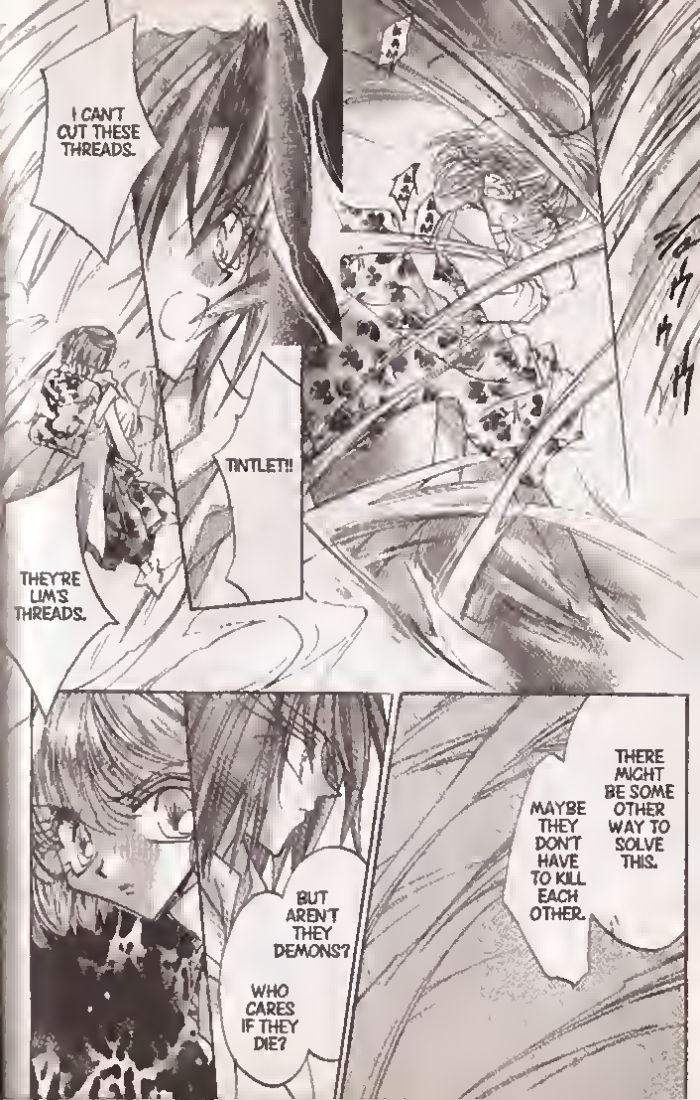
!!
LIM KAANA!!
LIM! NO!!

TINTLET!!
ヒュウウ!


JUST AS I THOUGHT.
WE'RE CONNECTED.
I GET IT. YOU LOSE YOUR DEMON POWER SO YOU NEED TO STEAL MINE!
GIVE IT BACK TO ME!
AND MY SCISSORS!
DON'T TAINT MY POWER WITH YOUR FAERIE HANDS.

TOO LATE.
YOUR POWER IS ALREADY MINE.
BUT I ALSO HAVE MY OWN POWER.
IT'S THE POWER OF VIRTUE...AND WITH IT I WILL KILL YOU, LEELU.
ONCE THIS IS DONE...
...I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THE WATER.

I WON'T BE DEFEATED BY YOUR POWER OF VIRTUE..
...YOUR VIRTUE WILL BE DEFEATED BY ME!
THEN, AT LAST, I WILL BE MY OWN DEMON!
WAIT... WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE DOING?! ANSWER ME, LIM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?!
THIS MUST BE DONE.
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
YOU'VE GOT IT REVERSED.


I CAN'T CUT THESE THREADS.
TINTLET!!
THEY'RE LIM'S THREADS.
THERE MIGHT BE SOME OTHER WAY TO SOLVE THIS.
MAYBE THEY DON'T HAVE TO KILL EACH OTHER.
BUT AREN'T THEY DEMONS?
WHO CARES IF THEY DIE?

IF I KILL LEELU, I CAN GET THE WATER. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, YOU FOOL?
WE ARE LIKE TWO SIDES OF A COIN!
WHY IS THE WATER COMING OUT OF YOUR EYES?!
I SHOULD BE THE ONE WITH THE WATER!
WHAT'S THIS FALLING FROM MY EYES? IS IT...? NO!
HUH?
AND SINCE LIM HAS YOUR MEMORIES, ARE YOU EVEN SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO THIS PROPERLY?
JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING WORKED THE FIRST TIME AROUND IS NO GUARANTEE THAT IT'LL WORK AGAIN.

SHE'S RIGHT.
YOUR POWER OF VIRTUE CAN'T BAIL YOU OUT THIS TIME.
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KI-KI-KI-KITCHEL!!
I KNEW HE WAS HERE!
YOU FAERIES ARE ALWAYS MEDDLING.
STAY OUT OF THIS ONE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
EVEN IF THEY KILL EACH OTHER, YOU WON'T FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

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SHUDDER
NOT THAT I'D MIND.
AND IF THEY KILL EACH OTHER, IT'S ALL THE MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME. SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF HAVING TO DO IT MYSELF LATER ON.
GUYS, LET ME PUT IT TO YOU STRAIGHT. THIS IS KAINALDIA— THE DEMON REALM.
THE FACT THAT YOU'RE STILL HERE IS OF CONCERN TO ME.
NON-DEMONS SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE HERE FOR SO LONG. YET YOU THREE HAVE PRACTICALLY TAKEN UP RESIDENCE.
LET'S JUST SAY YOU'VE WORN OUT YOUR WELCOME.

IT'S HOT!!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YES, THE FLAMES OF HELL ARE QUITE WARM. FAREWELL, FRIENDS OF LYKOULEON.
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DAMN!
WAIT!!
IT'S TOO HOT!
KITCHEL, LIM IS IN DANGER TOO.
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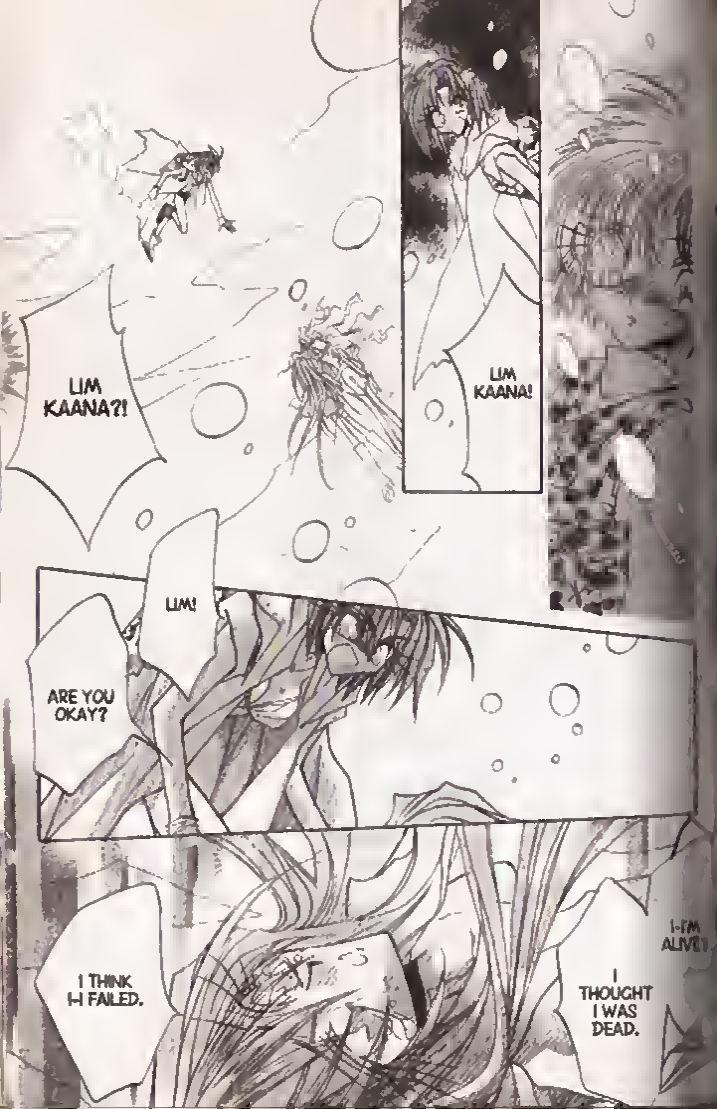
THE FIRE HAS MADE THE AIR TOO HOT! THERE'S NOT ENOUGH CONDEN-SATION TO CAST A WATER SPELL.
WE REALLY NEED TO FIND SOME WATER! RINGLEYS?!
Ah...
WAIT!
WHAT THE--?!
THE MONU-MENT!!
RINGLEYS, LOOK FOR WATER! STAY UP THERE UNTIL YOU FIND SOME-THING!
WHAT'S WRONG?
SHE ALL RIGHT?
...
WISH I WAS THAT CONFIDENT.
YOU CAN DO IT! I KNOW YOU CAN!

TINTLET!
WAKE UP!
IF LIK FAILS, THEN
COME TO THINK OF IT...
Mh!


LIM KAANA?!
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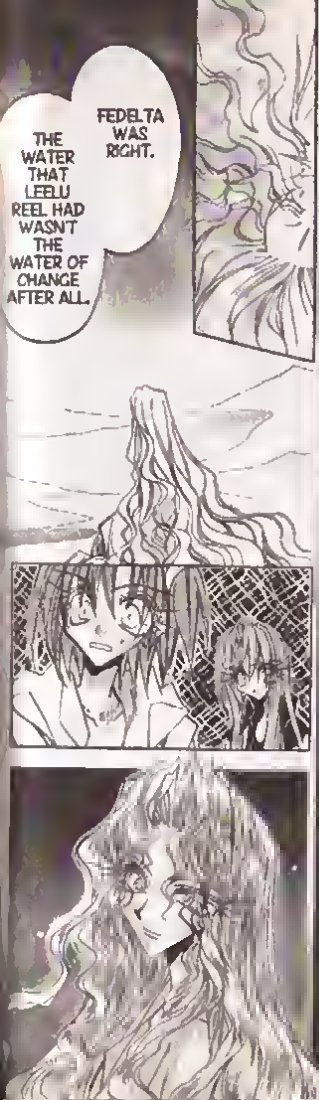
LIM!
ARE YOU OKAY?
I THINK I-I FAILED.
I THOUGHT I WAS DEAD.
I-I'M ALIVE?



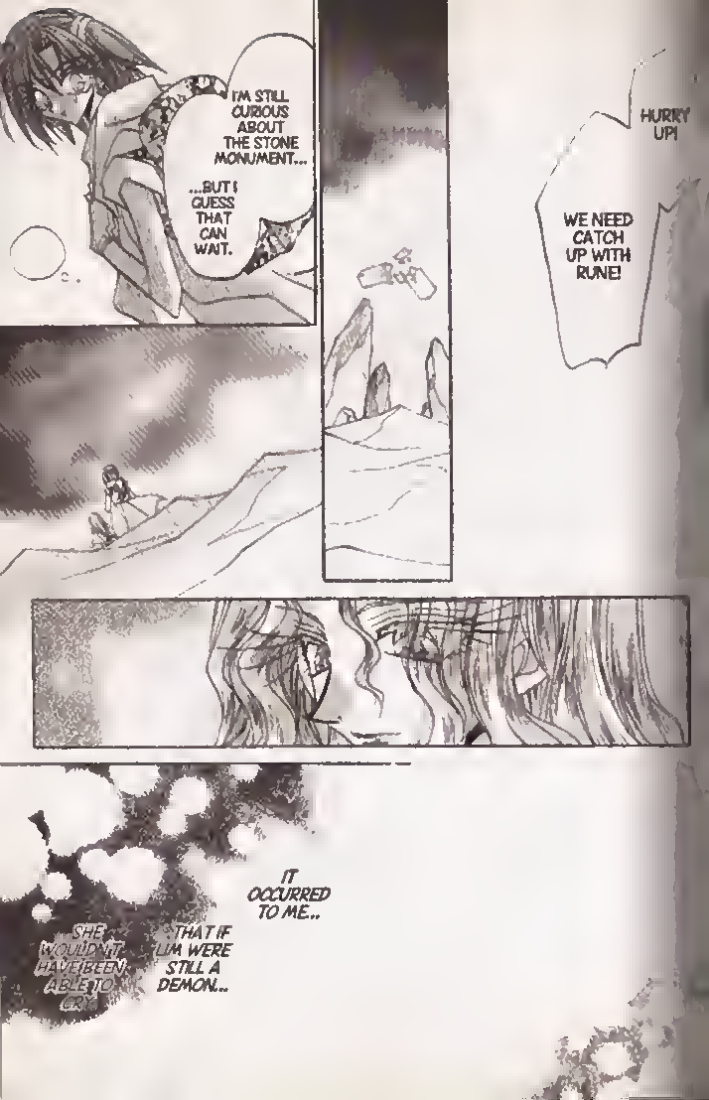
MY B-BODY...

...FELT LIKE IT WAS BEING T-TORN INSIDE OUT.

I TH-THOUGHT I WAS D-DEAD FOR SURE.

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH LEELU?!
DON'T WORRY.
LEELU REEL WASN'T A WATER DEMON... BUT A DEMON OF TEARS.
THE WATER OF CHANCE IS TEARS.
SHE WAS MADE OF TEARS, NOT WATER.
THAT'S WHY FEDELTA TOLD US THAT WE COULD NEVER FIND IT.

THIS DESERT IS DRY AND BARREN.
JUST AS LEELU WAS EMOTIONALLY BARREN.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR HER TO CRY.
THANK YOU...
...UM KAANA.
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CRIED.
YOU SAVED ME.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
I WASN'T HELPFUL!
UH, GUYS?
CAN WE KEEP MOVING?


I'M STILL CURIOUS ABOUT THE STONE MONUMENT...
...BUT I GUESS THAT CAN WAIT.
HURRY UP!
WE NEED CATCH UP WITH RUNE!
IT OCCURRED TO ME...
THAT IF LIM WERE STILL A DEMON...
SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CRY.

A MIRROR? HERE?
HUH?
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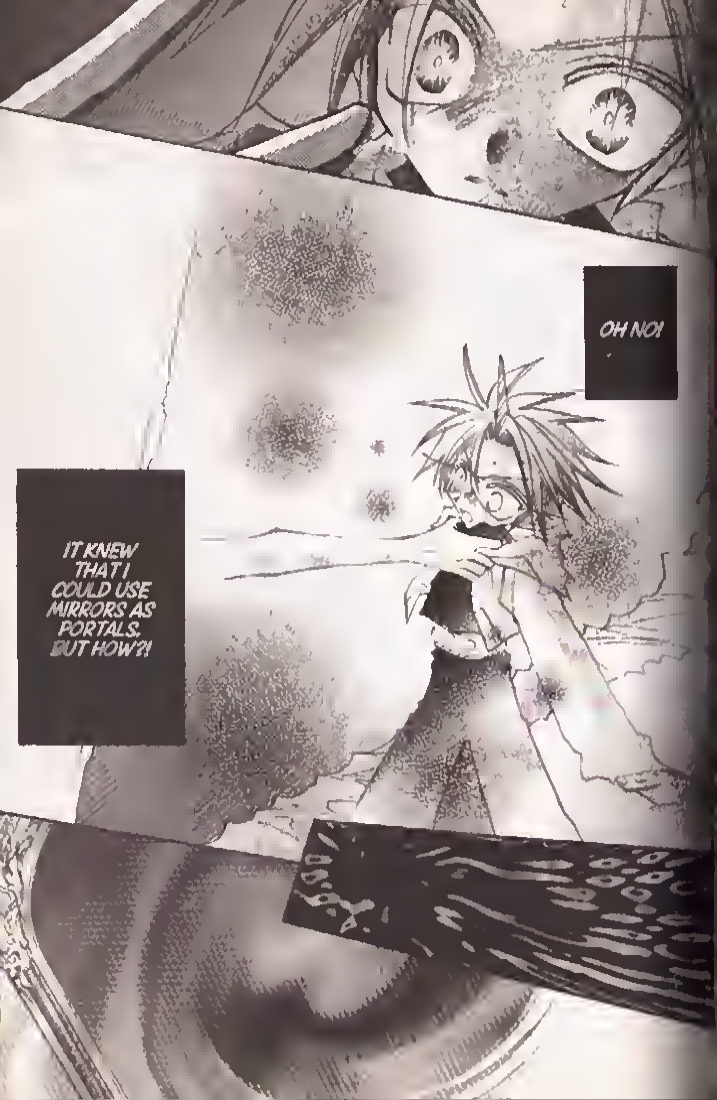
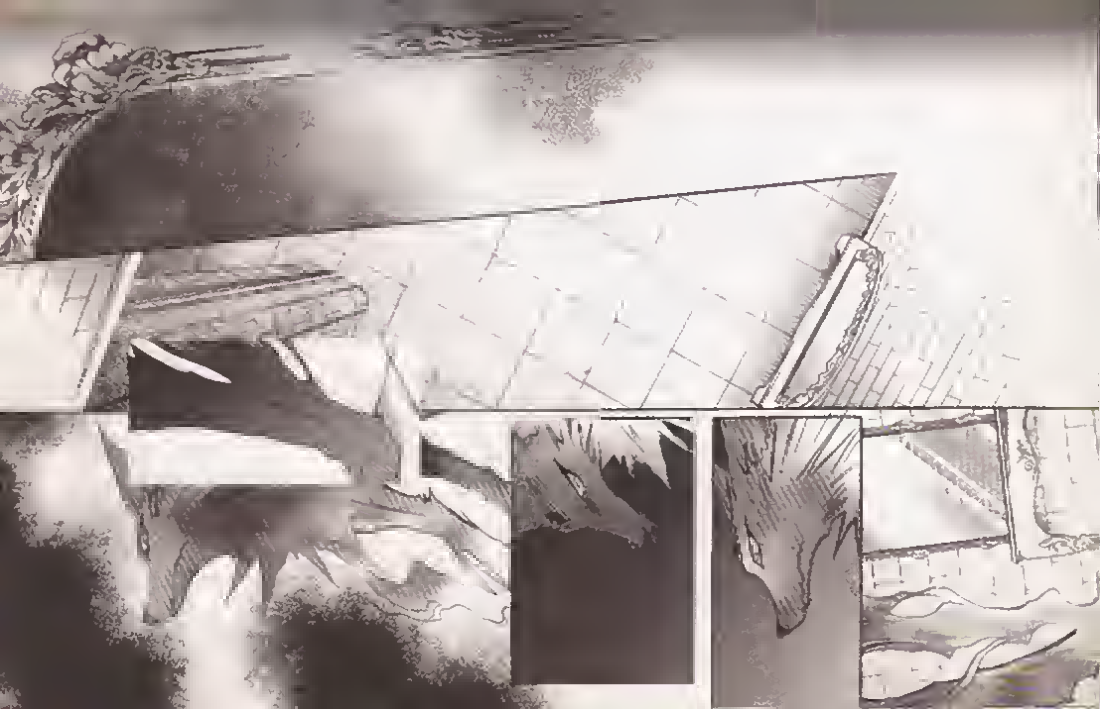
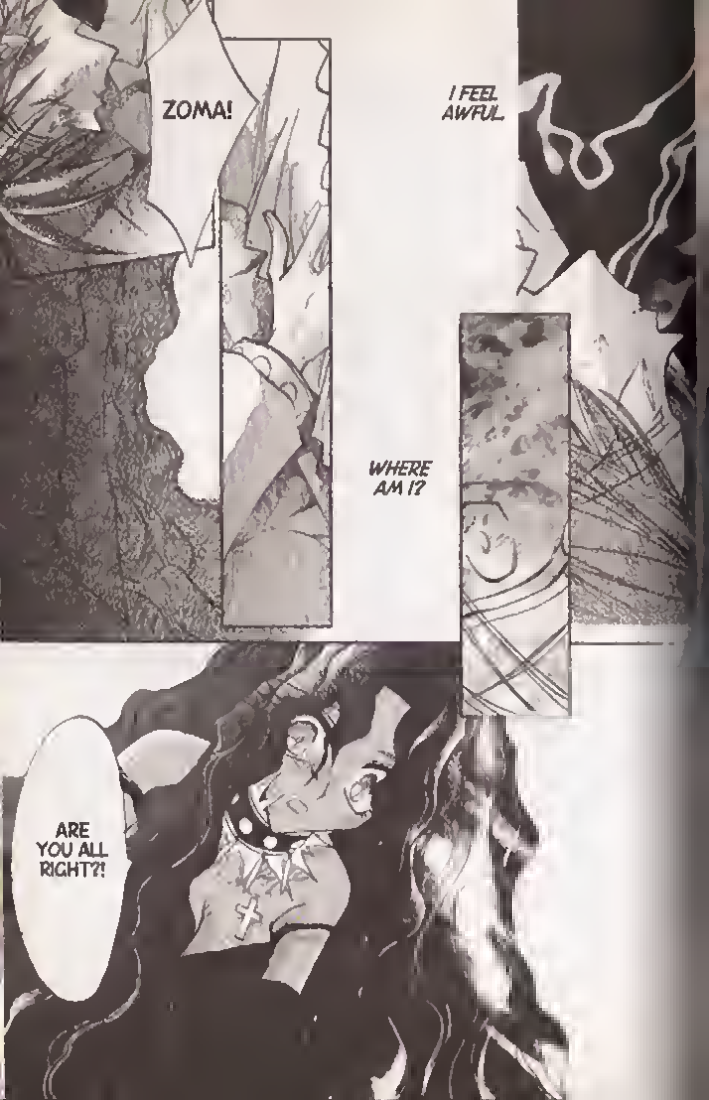
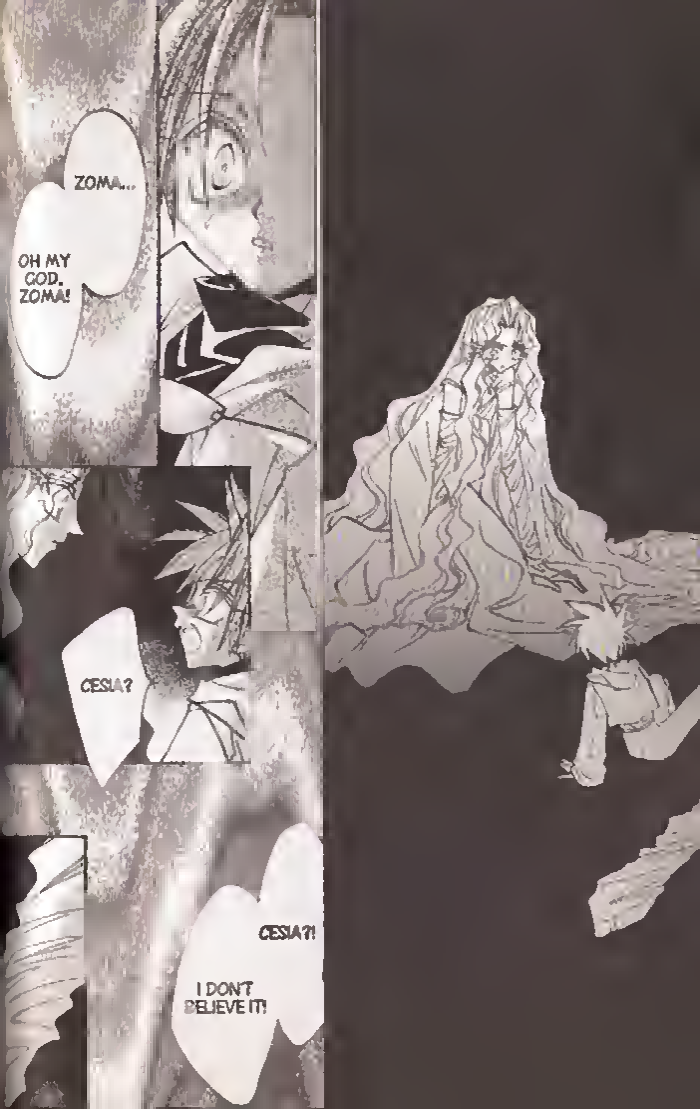
NO!
IT TRICKED ME.
IT LED ME HERE.


OH NO!
IT KNEW THAT I COULD USE MIRRORS AS PORTALS. BUT HOW?!



UGH...
OOH...
OUCH...


ZOMA!
I FEEL AWFUL
WHERE AM I?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!


ZOMA...
OH MY GOD. ZOMA!
CESIA?
CESIA?!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

ZOMA, I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? ARE YOU HERE TO RESCUE ME?
IT'S REALLY ME.

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RUNE?
YOU OKAY?
YOU SHOULD REST UP. CONSERVE YOUR ENERGY.
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT LATER.
WHY?

THE DRAGON LORD'S THREE PRECIOUS KNIGHTS... ARE A JOKE.
WHAT'S THE POINT?
WE KEEP FAILING.
CALM DOWN.
YOU KNOW MY ANSWER.
THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL.
STOP IT.
I NEVER TOOK YOU FOR A CRYBABY.
CAN YOU KILL HIM?! BECAUSE I NEVER TOOK YOU...
...FOR A MURDERER.
BUT...
...IF WE DON'T DO IT, WE CAN'T DEFEAT NADIL.

WE SHOULD'VE TRIED HACKING HIM TO PIECES. JUST TO MAKE SURE HE WASN'T PULLING OUR LEG ABOUT BEING UNABLE TO DIE.
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WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
I MEANT NADIL, NOT RATH.
YOU KNOW WHAT?
I JUST THOUGHT OF SOME-THING.
GIVE ME SOME CREDIT, RUNE.
SHIT.
WE KNOW DECAPITATING HIM DOESN'T WORK.
SO THAT'S OUT.
STOP IT!!
AND WE MISSED OUR ONLY CHANCE TO SEE NADIL BLEED TO DEATH.
RUNE ?
DON'T SAY ANY-THING.
IF YOU KEEP DISTRAC-TING ME...
...I'M GOING TO FALL APART!

IF YOU KEEP TALKING LIKE THAT...
...H...
WHAT?
STOP SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT, THATZ!
...I JUST MIGHT END UP DOING THEM.
RUNE, Y-YOU...
...SOUND LIKE RATH.
I MUST CONTROL MYSELF.
I'M TOO WEAK TO CONTROL MYSELF.
SIMPLE.
HOW COULD I SLEEP IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
IMPOS-SIBLE.
I CAN'T SLEEP.
YOU'RE BEAT. WE BOTH ARE.
I THINK YOU'D FEEL BETTER IF YOU SLEPT.
KNOW WHAT.

HMM.
THAT SLEEPING POWDER ACTUALLY WORKED.
GOOD THING I KEPT IT.
WELL, THEN...
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES. AND IF THAT DOESN'T WORK, I'LL KNOCK YOU OUT.
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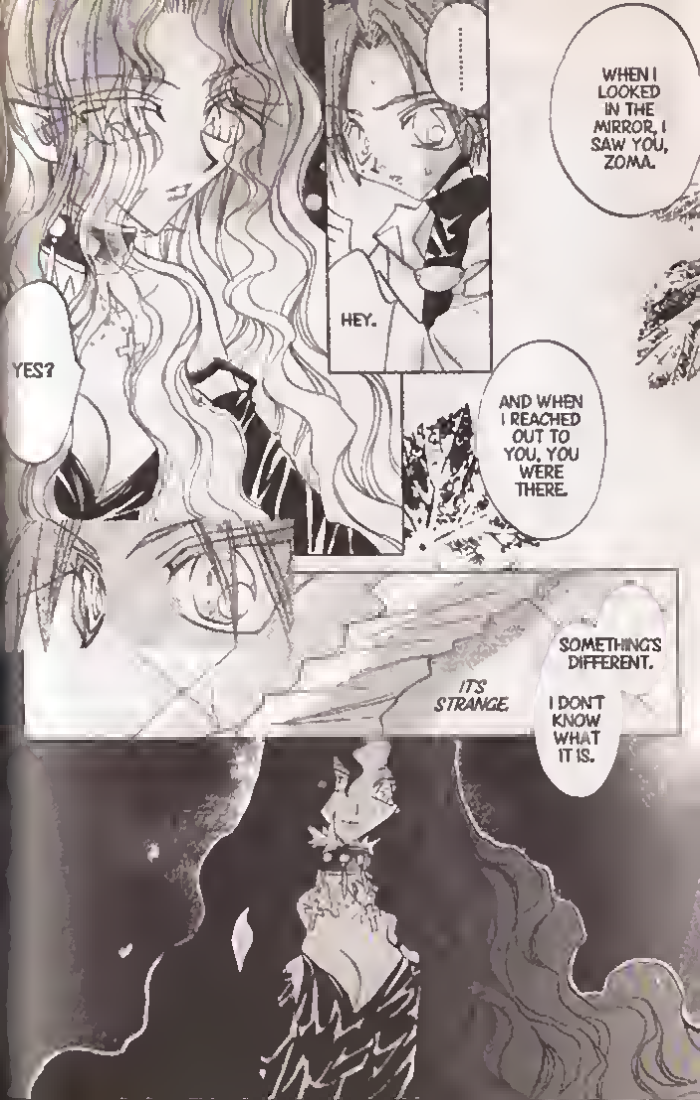
...LET'S GET TO WORK.
EARTH!
THIS WALL...
WILL YOU INVESTIGATE IT FOR ME?
THATTA BOY.


WHEN I LOOKED IN THE MIRROR, I SAW YOU, ZOMA.
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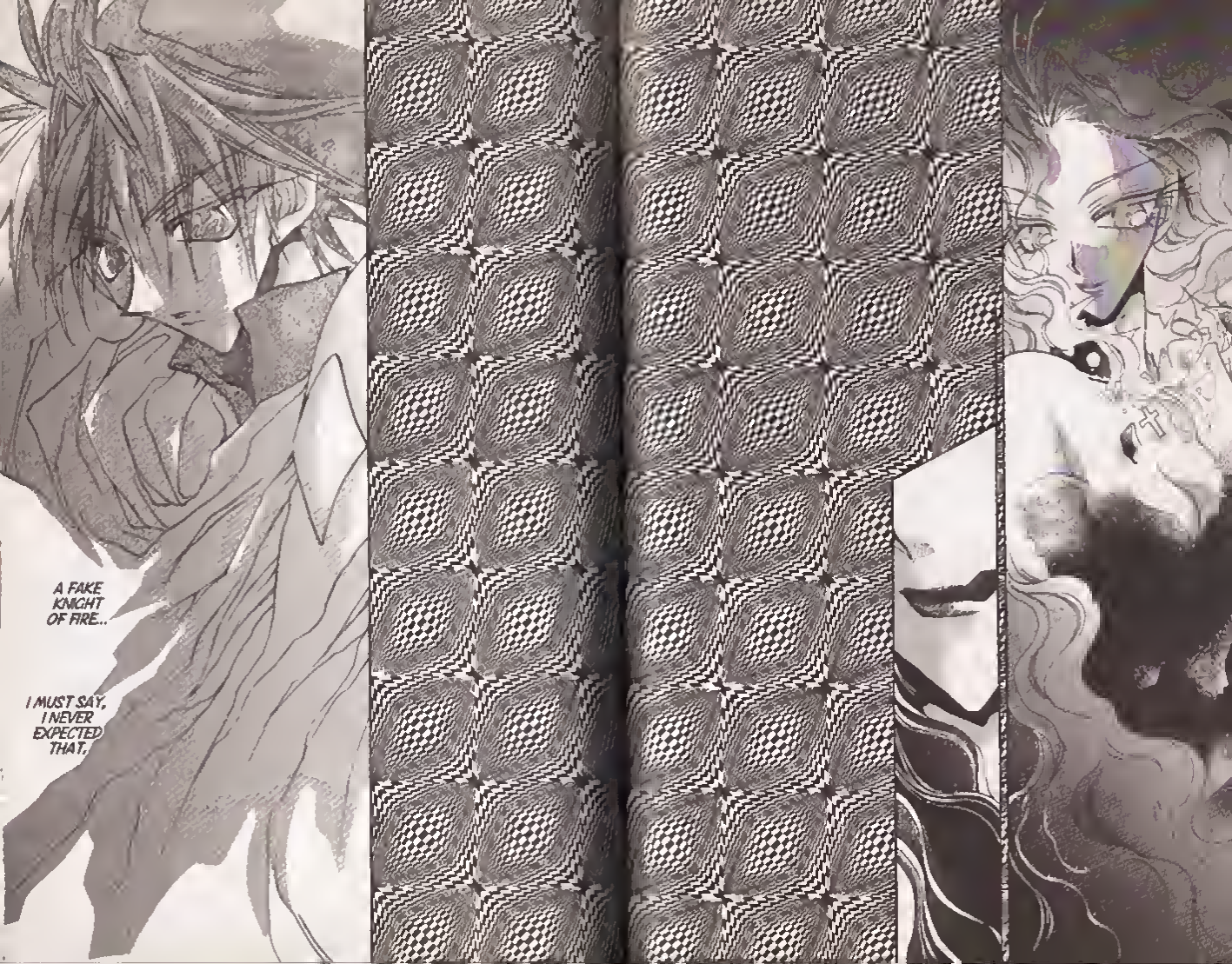
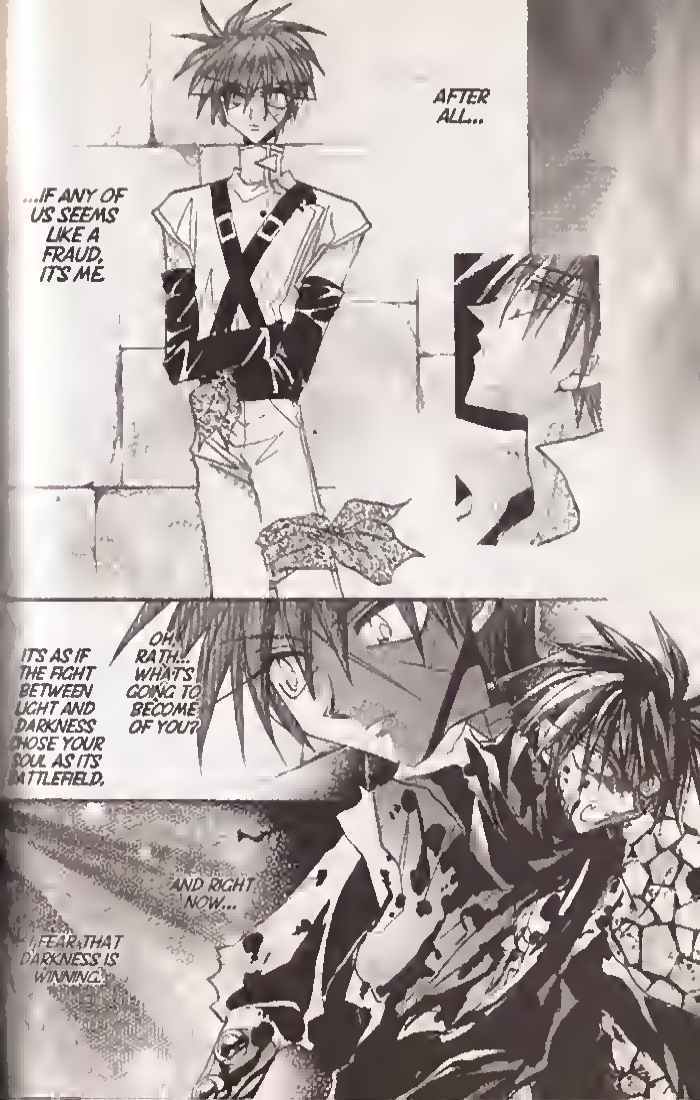
HEY.
YES?
AND WHEN I REACHED OUT TO YOU, YOU WERE THERE.
SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.
ITS STRANGE.

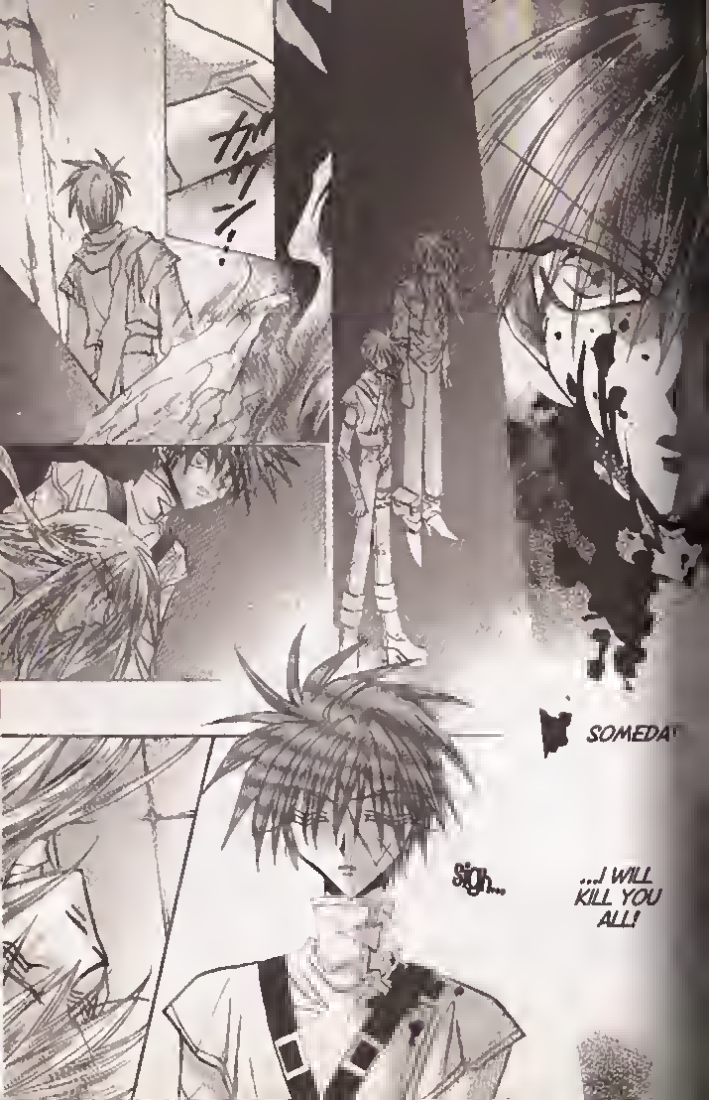
WHAT'S WRONG, ZOMA?
HUH! IS THAT...?!
IT'S THE STAFF!
I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.
UM... CESIA

WHAT IS IT, ZOMA?
IT'S MY NECK, ISN'T IT?
YOU CAN'T STOP STARING AT IT. AND I KNOW WHY.
I PUT IT AWAY. BUT I STILL HAVE IT.
IN FACT, IT'S SOMEWHERE IN THIS ROOM.
YOU'RE WONDERING WHERE MY RED AMULET IS.

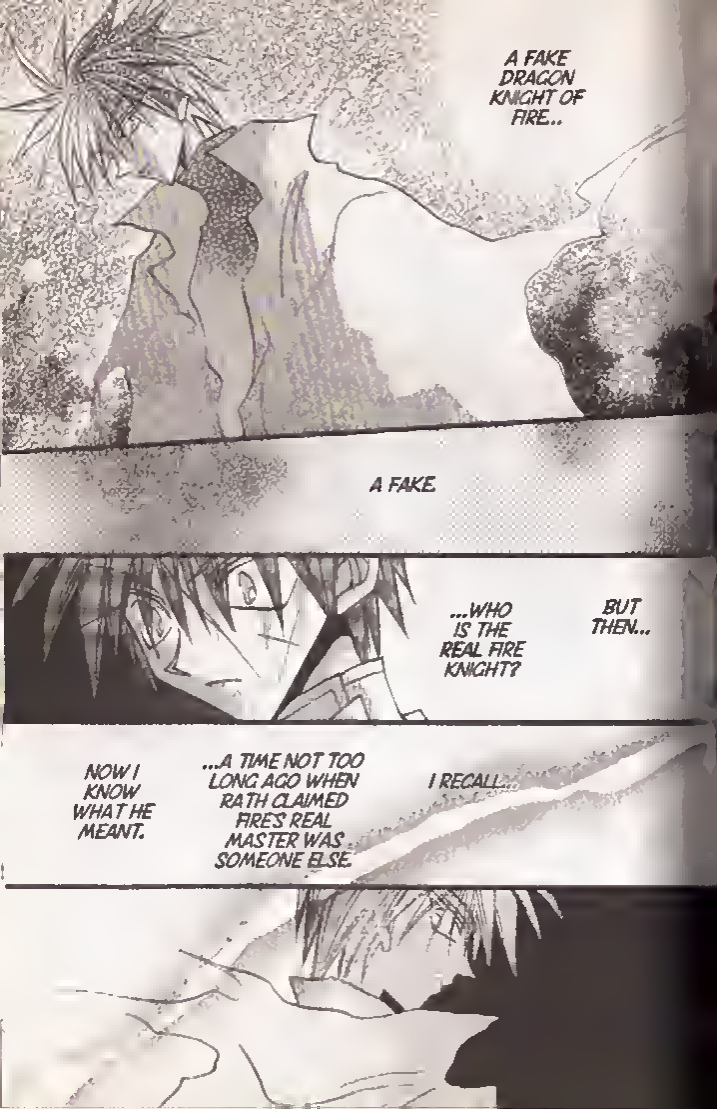
I KNEW IT! CESIA IS...


A FAKE KNIGHT OF FIRE..
I MUST SAY, I NEVER EXPECTED THAT.


...IF ANY OF US SEEMS LIKE A FRAUD, IT'S ME.
AFTER ALL...
OH, RATH... WHAT'S GOING TO BECOME OF YOU?
ITS AS IF THE FIGHT BETWEEN LIGHT AND DARKNESS CHOSE YOUR SOUL AS ITS BATTLEFIELD.
AND RIGHT NOW...
I FEAR THAT DARKNESS IS WINNING.


SOMEDA
Sigh...
...I WILL KILL YOU ALL!

NO, THIS ONE FALLS ON ME.
...RUNE'S ...TOO UPSET TO HANDLE THIS RIGHT NOW.
ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN...
THEY'VE TAKEN RATH, BUT I DOUBT HE'S BEEN GIVEN MUCH BETTER ACCOMMODATIONS THAN THEY'VE GIVEN US.
WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL?
HOW ABOUT WE FIND OUT?
WELL, EARTH?


A FAKE DRAGON KNIGHT OF FIRE...
A FAKE.
...WHO IS THE REAL FIRE KNIGHT?
BUT THEN...
NOW I KNOW WHAT HE MEANT.
...A TIME NOT TOO LONG AGO WHEN RATH CLAIMED FIRE'S REAL MASTER WAS SOMEONE ELSE.
I RECALL...

MY DUEL DRAGON IS EARTH.
WHAT'S THAT? WATER?
HE'S SLEEPING.
OH, YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S WATER OUTSIDE OF THE WALL!
BUT WHO IS IT?
RUNE HAS WATER.
I WONDER IF WIND BELONGS TO NADIL.
MAYBE WE'VE ALL BEEN TRICKED.
LET'S SEE...
EH?
WAIT A MINUTE. WE'RE SURROUNDED BY WATER?
AN OCEAN OF SOULS?

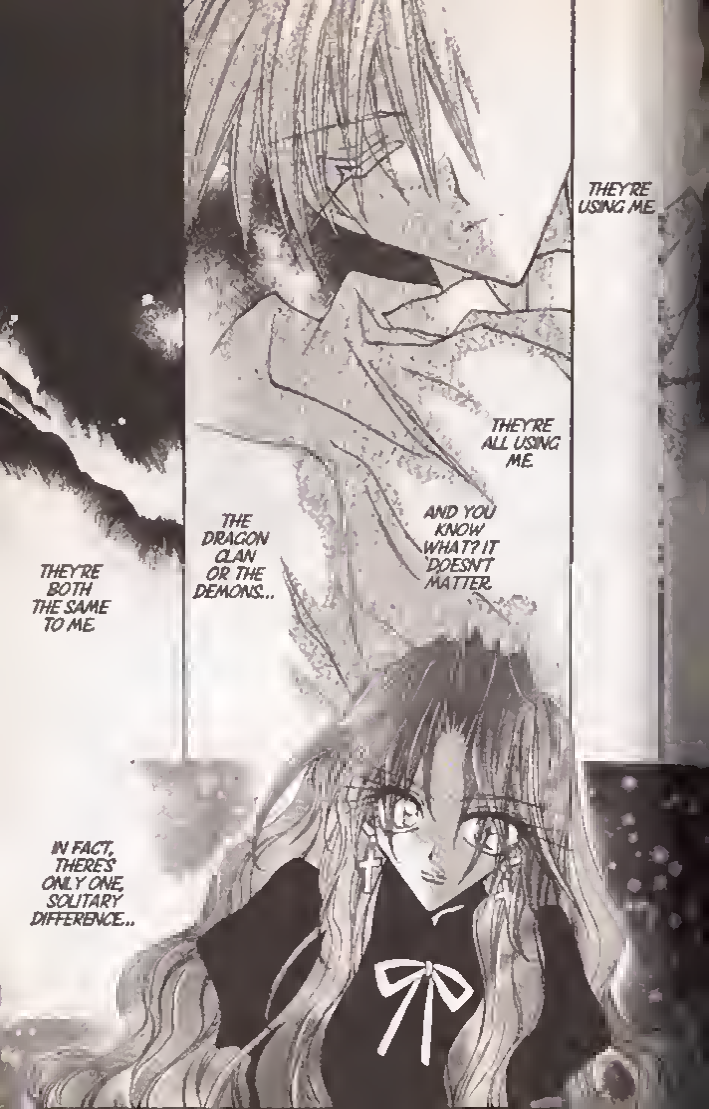
THAT MEANS THAT IF WE LEAVE THIS PLACE...
OH!
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE SEA OF THE DEAD! SO THAT'S WHAT SURROUNDS US?!
WELL, THEN WE'RE SCREWED.
DAMN
THIS IS A PROBLEM.
BUT IS THAT WHAT'S OUTSIDE?
WE CAN'T CROSS THAT! IT'S A LAKE OF HUNGRY SOULS, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
...BUT THE SEA OF THE DEAD?

COME ON.
LET'S FIND BATH.
WHY ARE YOU HESITATING?
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT THE BEST CHOICE TO BREAK THROUGH A BRICK WALL...
...BUT WE CAN'T USE WATER. RUNE'S OUT COLD.
I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO GO OUTSIDE AND CHECK.
WE HAVE A JOB TO DO, EARTH.
SORRY, EARTH.
WELL LEAVE...
...BUT NOT WITHOUT HIM.
OUR FRIEND IS OUT THERE. HE NEEDS US.
I'M NOT GOING TO SIT ON MY ASS UNTIL I STARVE TO DEATH.

...AND HELP ME LOOK FOR A WAY OUT OF HERE.
SO SWALLOW YOUR FEAR...
SLOW POKE!!!
HURRY UP.
WHERE IS THAT JAIL?
WE DON'T HAVE TIME! WE HAVE TO GET THERE BEFORE RUNE AND THE OTHERS TOUCH THAT WATER!

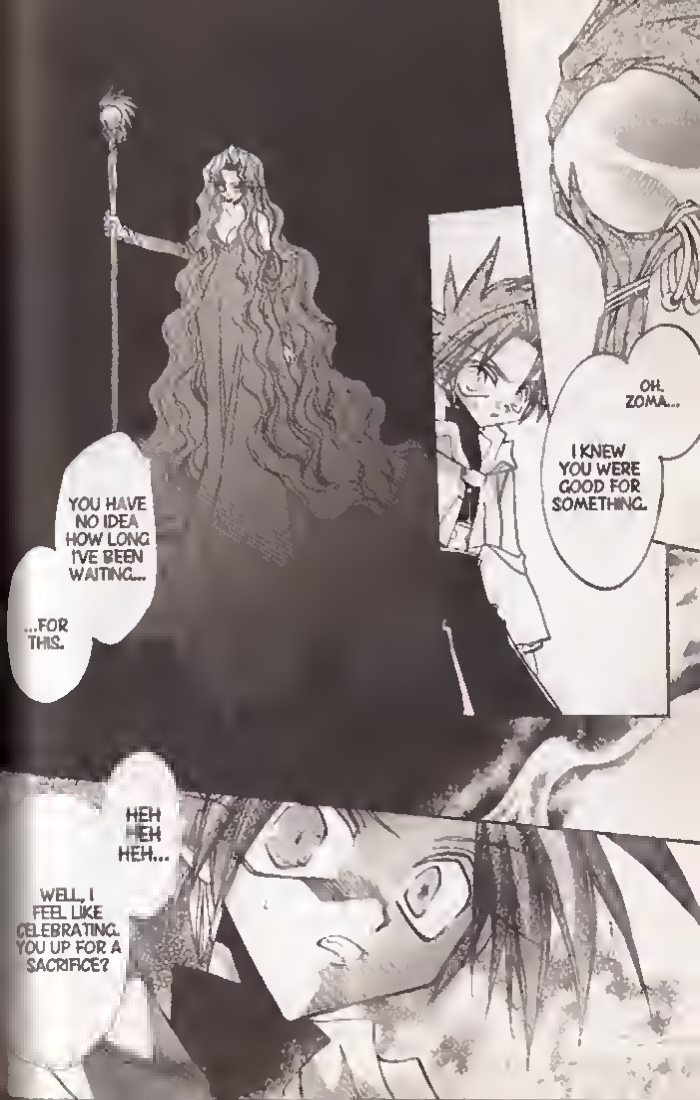
I'VE NEVER BEEN DOWN TO THE DUNGEON.
I THINK IT'S THIS WAY.
BUT THAT'S JUST A GUESS.
LET'S GO!

WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH ME?
THEY NEED ME ALIVE.
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ME.
AFTER ALL, I'M THE VESSEL FOR THEIR KING.

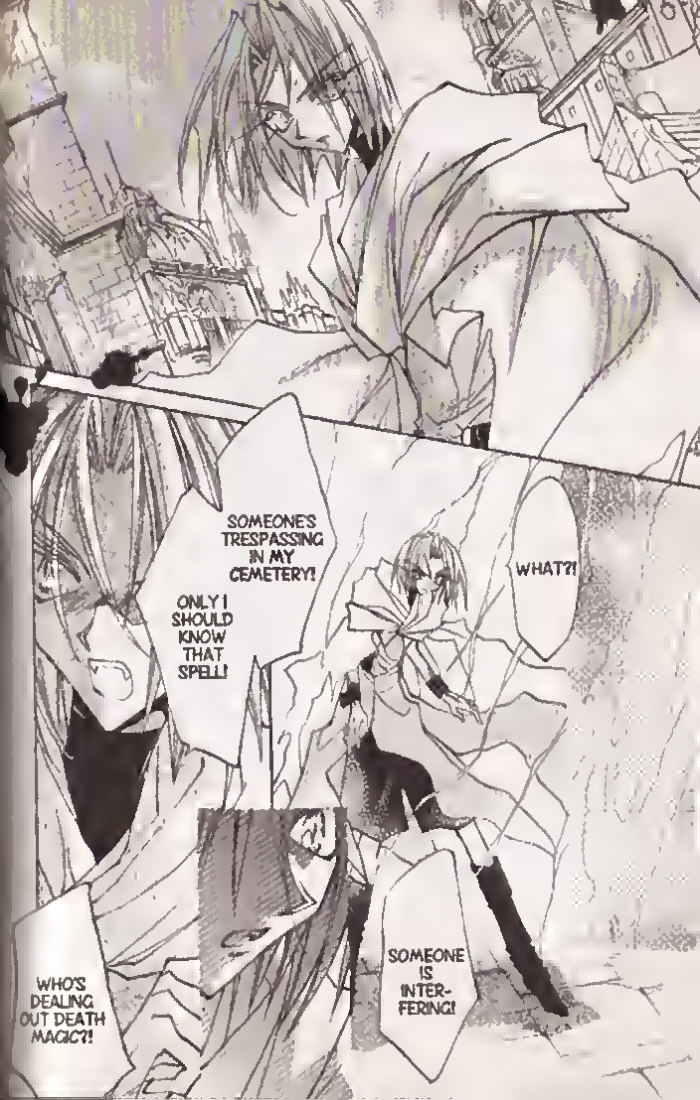

THEY'RE USING ME.
THEY'RE ALL USING ME.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? IT DOESN'T MATTER.
THE DRAGON CLAN OR THE DEMONS...
THEY'RE BOTH THE SAME TO ME.
IN FACT, THERE'S ONLY ONE, SOLITARY DIFFERENCE...

OOPS, DID I DO THAT?
OH NO! NOW YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF THIS ROOM.
YOU'RE WRONG. I CAN GO THROUGH ANY OF THOSE PIECES.
I CAN'T LEAVE, THOUGH.
I HAVE TO GET THE STAFF BACK FIRST.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I BROUGHT THAT STAFF FOR CESIA! THE REAL CESIA!

WITH CESIA GONE, WHAT GOOD IS IT?
WELL, ITS PLENTY GOOD...
...FOR NADIL.
HAH...


OH, ZOMA...
I KNEW YOU WERE GOOD FOR SOMETHING.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WAITING...
...FOR THIS.
HEH HEH HEH...
WELL, I FEEL LIKE CELEBRATING. YOU UP FOR A SACRIFICE?

NICE KNOWING YOU, ZOMA!


SOMEONE'S TRESPASSING IN MY CEMETERY!
ONLY I SHOULD KNOW THAT SPELL!
WHAT?!
WHO'S DEALING OUT DEATH MAGIC?!
SOMEONE IS INTER-FERING!

WHATS THAT?!
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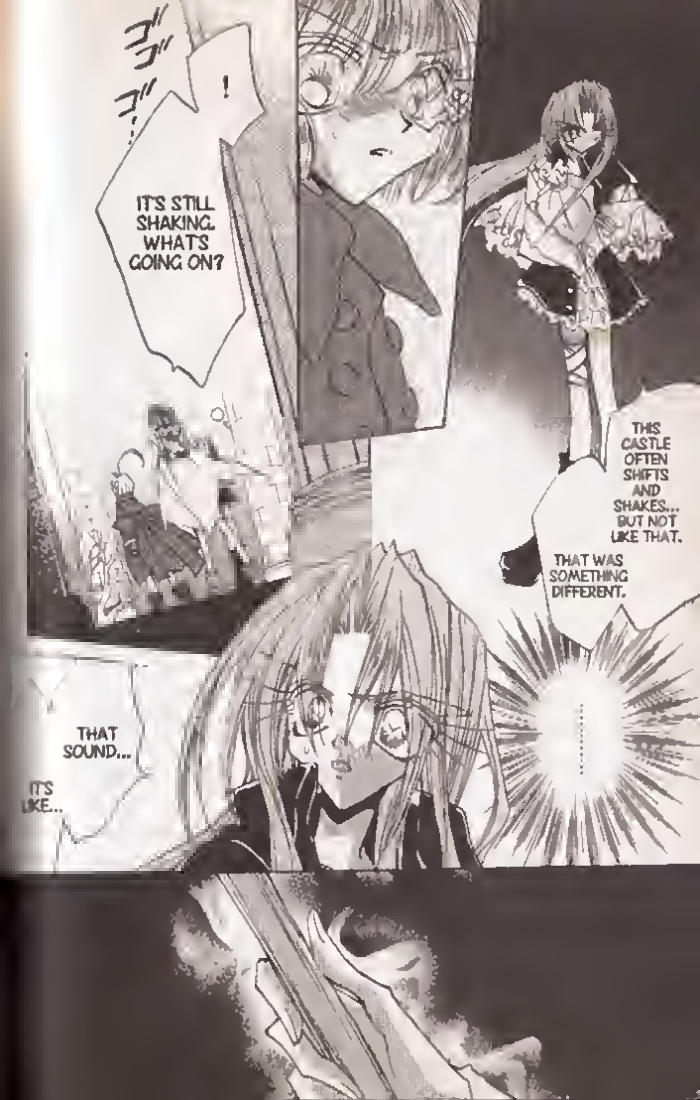
AAAH!
WAS THAT AN EARTH-QUAKE?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IT'S STILL SHAKING. WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS CASTLE OFTEN SHIFTS AND SHAKES... BUT NOT LIKE THAT.
THAT WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
THAT SOUND...
IT'S LIKE...

DID YOU HEA THAT
IT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING BIG IS HEADED THIS WAY!
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IT'S ABOVE
NO, WAIT! IT'S ALL AROUND US!
HUH?
WELL, WHAT IS IT?
WHO DARES?!
WHICH OF YOU IS STEALING MY POWER?!

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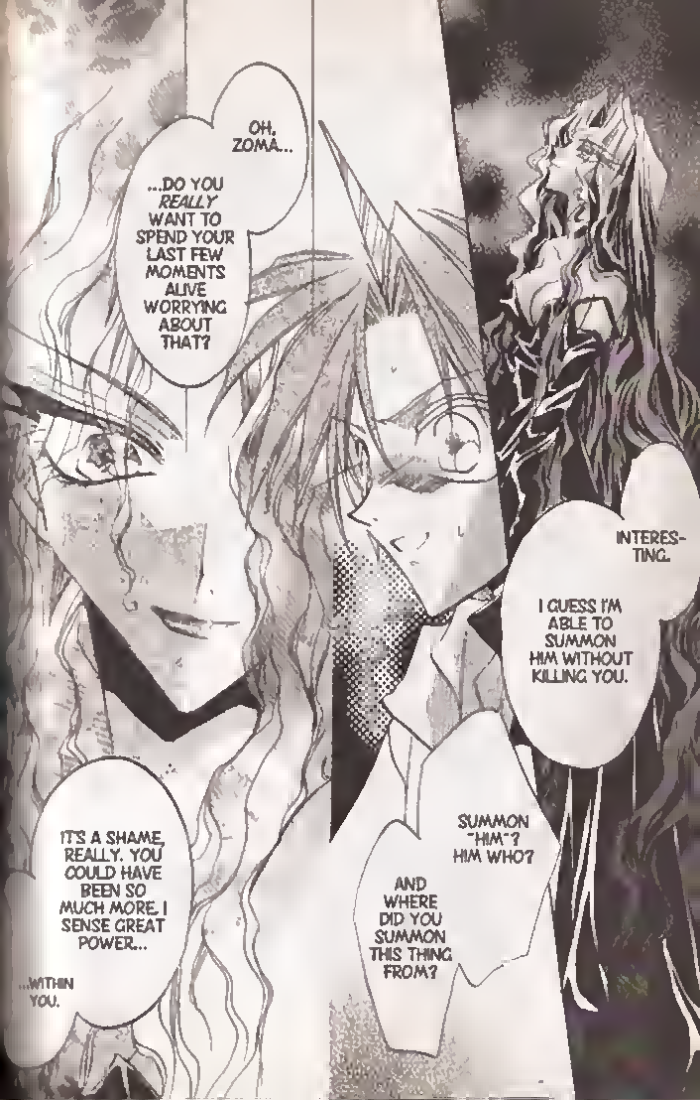
STRANGE.
WHY IS THE GROUND TREMBLING?

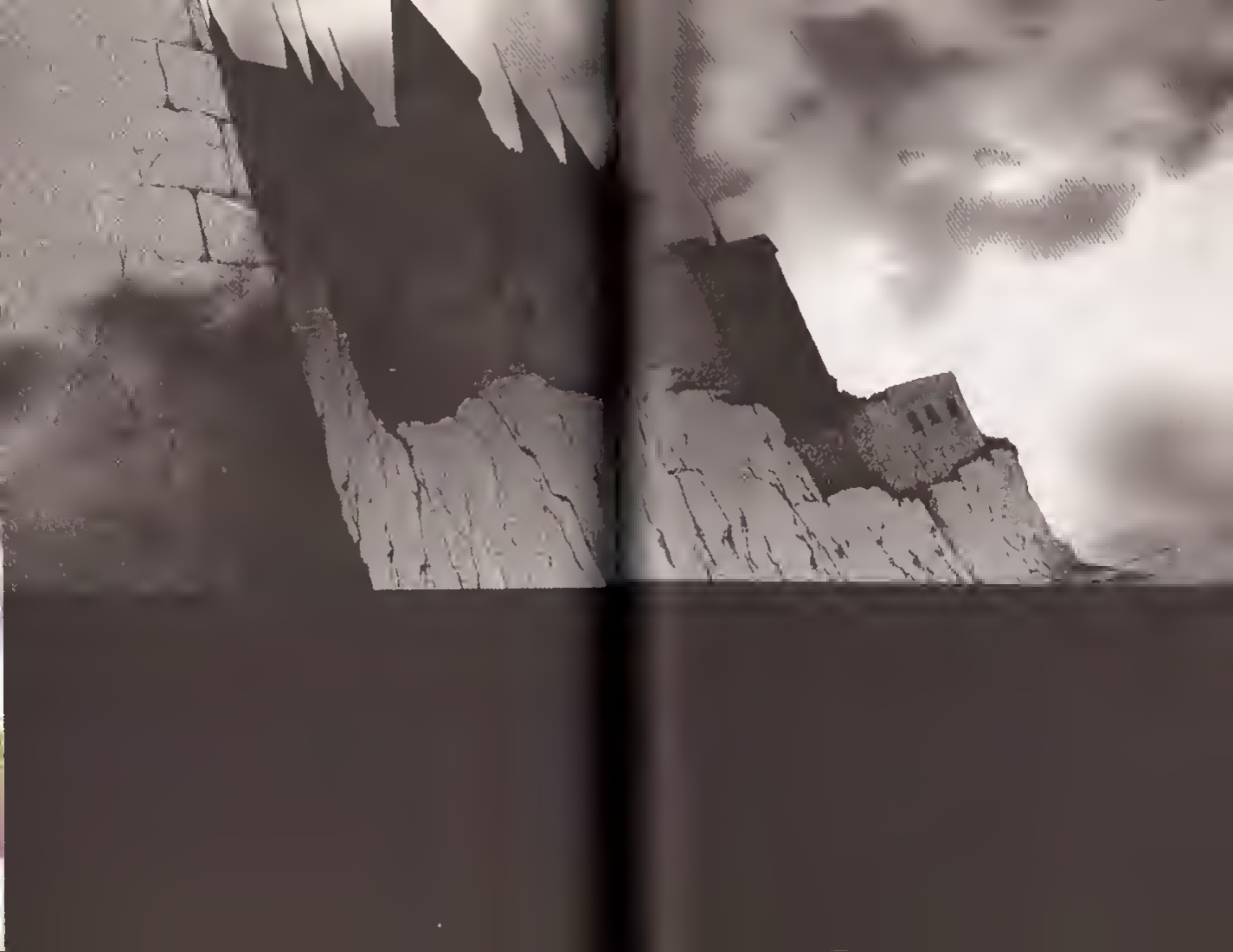
...IS APPROACHING!
SOMETHING EVIL...

LOOK!
IT'S COMING OUT OF THE SKY!!

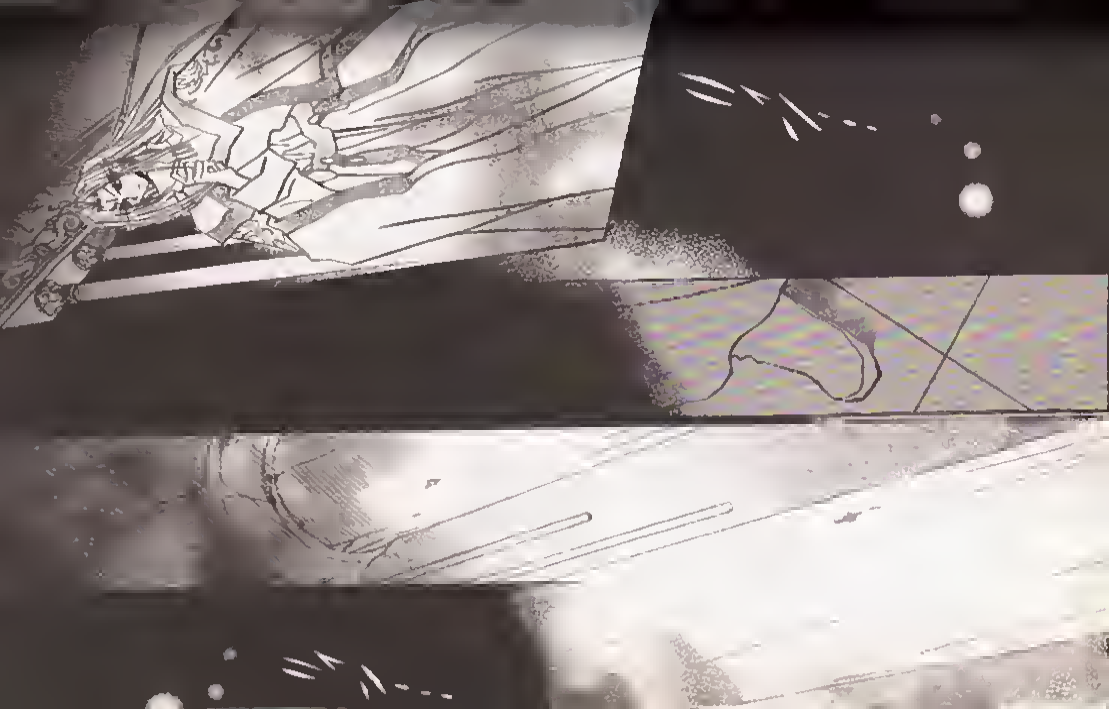
IN NADIL'S CASTLE, THE EFFECT WOULD BE DISASTROUS! IN FACT, THAT MAY BE WHAT'S CAUSING THIS!
HE MAY BE TRYING TO USE HIS POWER OF VIRTUE!
TINTLET!! WE HAVE TO FIND RUNE AND OTHERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
HURRY!
LIM KAANAI
MY POWER OF VIRTUE ISN'T AFFECTED AT ALL.
WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! COME ON!


OH, ZOMA...
...DO YOU *REALLY* WANT TO SPEND YOUR LAST FEW MOMENTS ALIVE WORRYING ABOUT THAT?
IT'S A SHAME, REALLY. YOU COULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH MORE. I SENSE GREAT POWER...
...WITHIN YOU.
AND WHERE DID YOU SUMMON THIS THING FROM?
SUMMON -HIM-? HIM WHO?
INTERES-TING.
I GUESS I'M ABLE TO SUMMON HIM WITHOUT KILLING YOU.

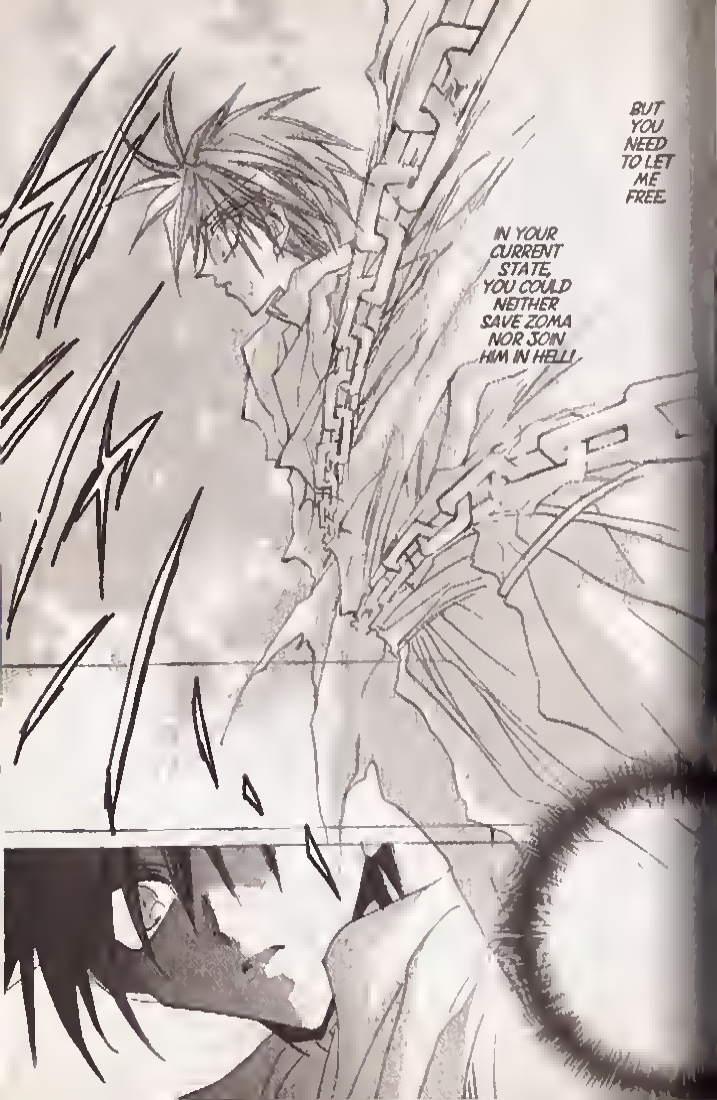
DON'T LIE TO ME.



I'M NOT LYING, LITTLE ONE. I CAN SENSE IT.
YOU HARBOR A GREAT POWER.
IT WOULD MAKE YOU INCREDIBLY TASTY, IF I WAS ONE TO EAT OTHER DEMONS.
OH, WAIT... I AM ONE TO EAT OTHER DEMONS! I FORGOT!
SILLY ME!
I'M HUNGRY, ZOMA.
WHAT?
IS SHE REALLY GOING TO EAT ME?
TELL ME...
...HAS ANYONE EVER TOLD YOU HOW JUICY YOU LOOK?



YOU DON'T MEAN THAT.
HE NEEDS YOU, AND WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU NEED HIM.
ZOMA IS YOUR FRIEND. YOU KNOW THAT.


BUT YOU NEED TO LET ME FREE.
IN YOUR CURRENT STATE, YOU COULD NEITHER SAVE ZOMA NOR SOIN HIM IN HELL!

YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE AND YOU BLEW IT! NOW IT'S MY TURN TO DRIVE!
AAAAH!!
STOP IT, YOU BITCH!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
YOUR TIME IS DONE.
NO...
.....

NOT YOU!
I'M THE REAL CESIA!
ME! DO YOU HEAR ME?!
?!
AND IF I CONSUME HIS POWER, I'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO GET RID OF YOU FOR GOOD!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT POWER?!
OH, CESIA!
YOU HAVE TO STOP HER!

SO MUCH POWER...
STUPID KID.
AND HE'S ASKING TO BE TOUCHED.
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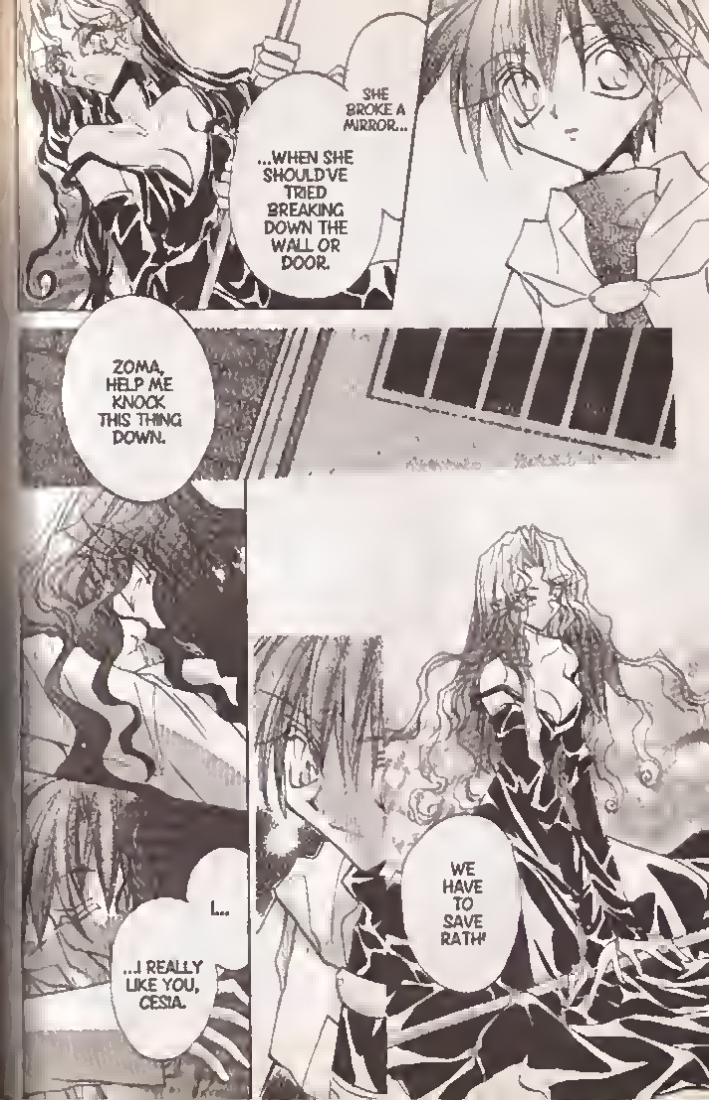
HEY, CESIA! ARE YOU...?
IS SHE BACK?
CESIA!

Gesia!!
I LONG FOR DEATH.
IT'S SUCH AN ODD DESIRE...
...FOR ONE SO USED TO BRINGING IT TO OTHERS.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
SHE SAID SHE WAS GONNA EAT ME!

MY PROMISE.
HE ASKED FOR MY HELP.
I HAVE TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO HIM.
LET'S FIND A WAY OUT.
BESIDES, THE DEMON ENERGY AROUND HERE IS VERY STRONG.
WE CAN'T STAY HERE.
COME ON.


SHE BROKE A MIRROR...
...WHEN SHE SHOULD'VE TRIED BREAKING DOWN THE WALL OR DOOR.
ZOMA, HELP ME KNOCK THIS THING DOWN.
I...
...I REALLY LIKE YOU, CESIA.
WE HAVE TO SAVE RATH!

ZOMA?

YOU SENT FOR ME, MY LORD?
I HEAR OUR DARLING CESIA HAS RETURNED.
THAT MEANS...
...WE MIGHT NOT NEED TO MANIPULATE THE POWER OF VIRTUE ANYMORE.
THINGS HAVE BEEN MOVING FASTER THAN EXPECTED...
...AND IT'S GOOD TO HAVE CESIA BACK ON OUR SIDE.
IT WILL ALL BE OVER SOON.
SHALL WE GO?
WE HAVE OTHER BUSINESS TO SEE TO.

THE WORLD'S NOT GOING TO TRANSFORM BY ITSELF, YOU KNOW.
WHAT IS IT, ZOMA?
YOU HAVE WINGS?

THIS WAY...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...I CAN SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR RATH.
I DON'T WANT TO PRETEND IN FRONT OF YOU, CESIA.
THIS IS WHAT I LOOK LIKE NOW.
?!
RATH WAS THE ONE WHO GAVE ME LIFE ANYWAY.
I'M JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR.
AFTER ALL...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REPLACE HIM.
NO!
ZOMA, YOU CAN'T!

ZOMA?!
OH, ZOMA...
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
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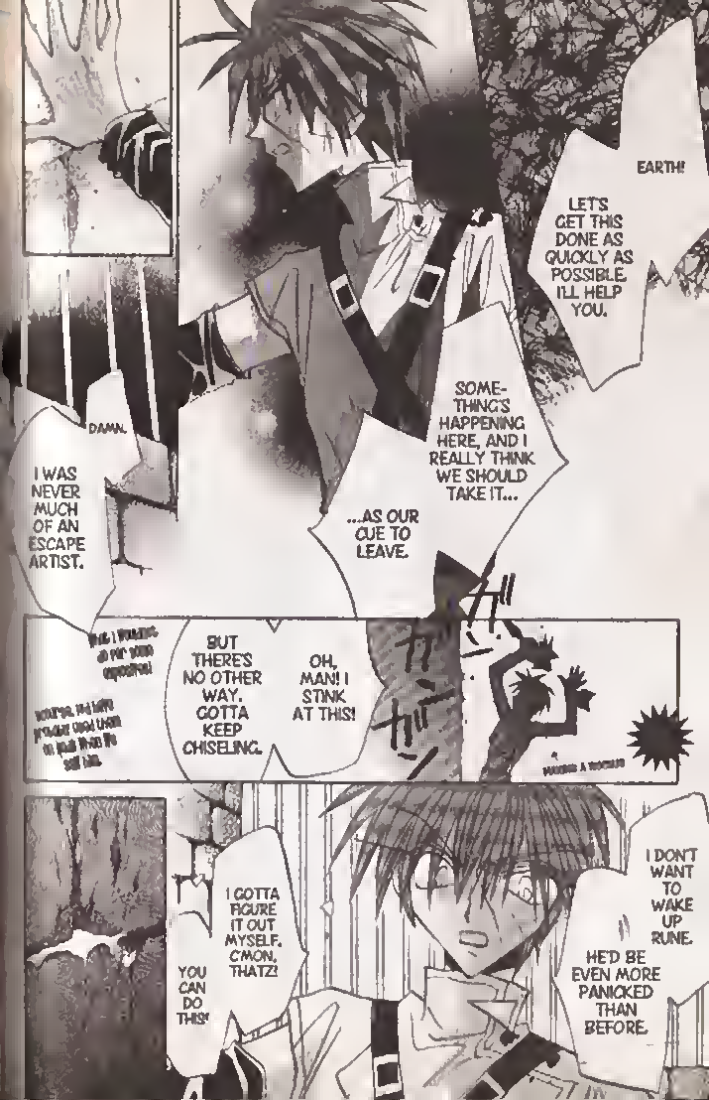
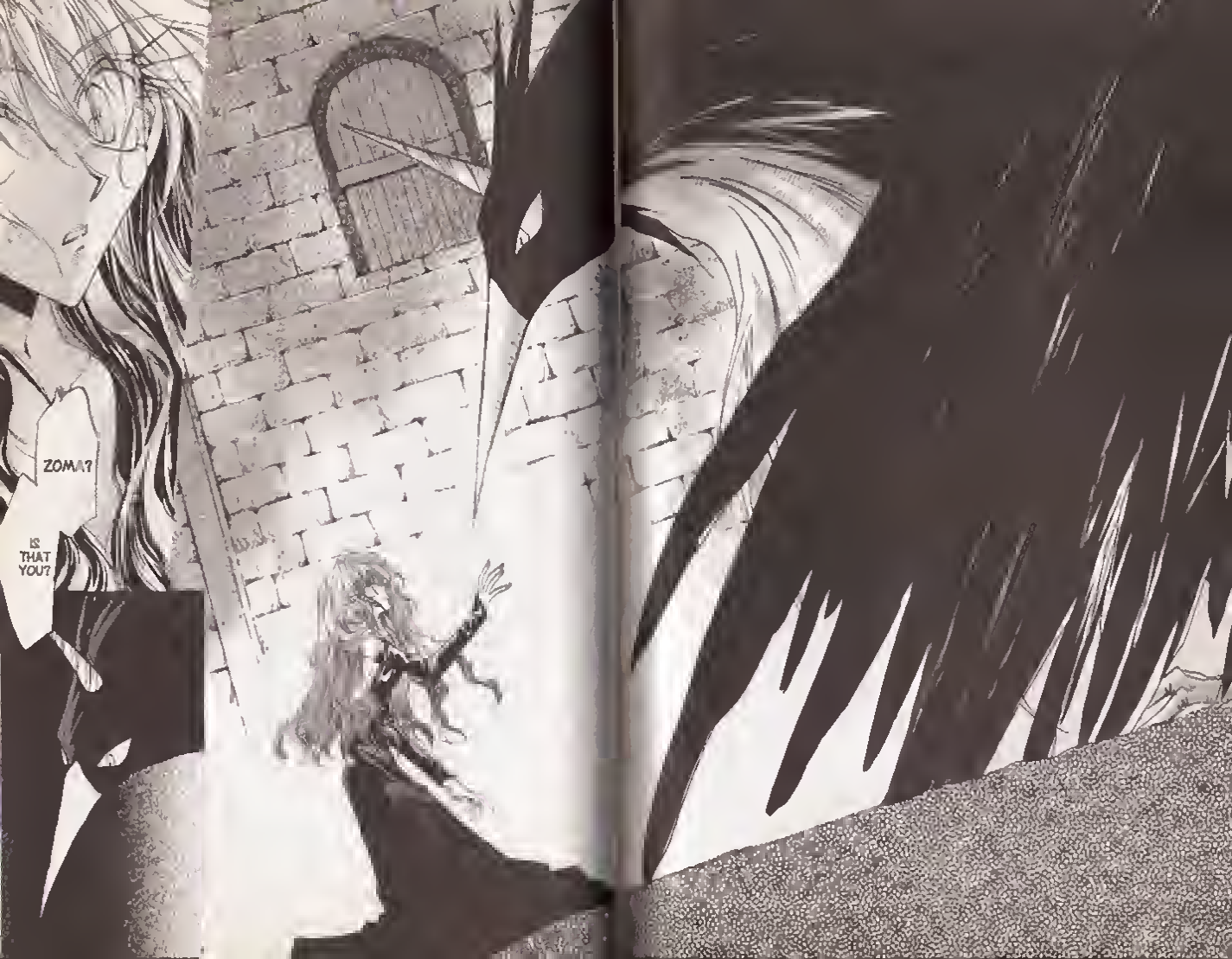
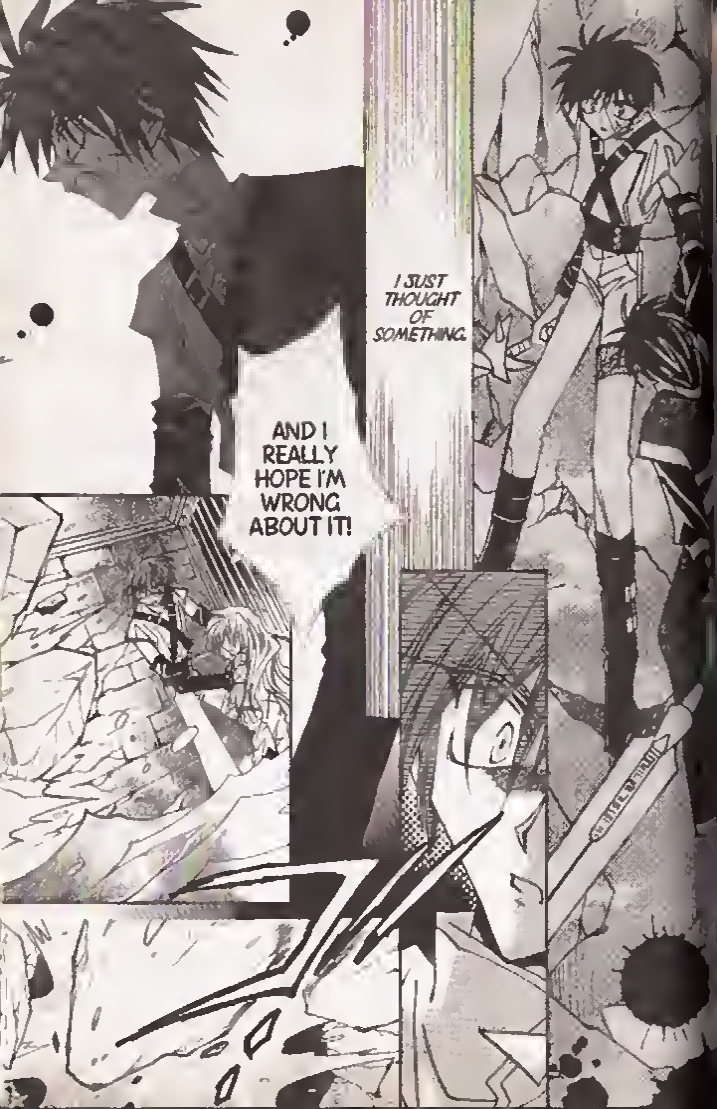

EARTH!
LET'S GET THIS DONE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I'LL HELP YOU.
SOME-THING'S HAPPENING HERE, AND I REALLY THINK WE SHOULD TAKE IT...
...AS OUR CUE TO LEAVE.
DAMN.
I WAS NEVER MUCH OF AN ESCAPE ARTIST.
BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY. GOTTA KEEP CHISELING.
OH, MAN! I STINK AT THIS!
I GOTTA FIGURE IT OUT MYSELF. C'MON, THAT'S!
YOU CAN DO THIS!
I DON'T WANT TO WAKE UP RUNE.
HE'D BE EVEN MORE PANICKED THAN BEFORE.


ZOMA?
IS THAT YOU?

I DON'T LIKE THIS.


I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING.
AND I REALLY HOPE I'M WRONG ABOUT IT!

IF THIS WATER IS REVIVAL WATER...

REVIVAL WATER POISONED KAI-STERN.
...THEN WE'RE BOTH GOING TO DIE!

DON'T WORRY!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE!
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RUNE!
HUH?
WE ARE?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! YOU HAVEN'T DROWNED YET?
HEY, RUNE!

RUNE..
THANK GOOD-NESS.
WE MADE IT IN TIME.

HUH?
THE WATER!
I THOUGHT THAT THIS WATER WAS...
WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
WE FOUND THIS SACRED WATER.
IT PURIFIES ANYTHING EVIL IT TOUCHES.
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YEP.
THIS REVIVAL WATER IS NO LONGER DANGEROUS.
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REVIVAL WATER?
THAT'S THE STUFF THAT WAS USED ON RATH, RIGHT?
WHAT?
I FORGOT ABOUT THAT.
UH... YEAH.
WHERE'S RATH?
HE'S NOT WITH YOU GUYS?
NO.
THEY TOOK HIM SOME-PLACE ELSE.

WELL, YES AND NO.
I'M NEITHER HUMAN NOR DEMON.
YOUR DEMON FORM?
...YOUR REAL FORM, ZOMA?
IS THAT...

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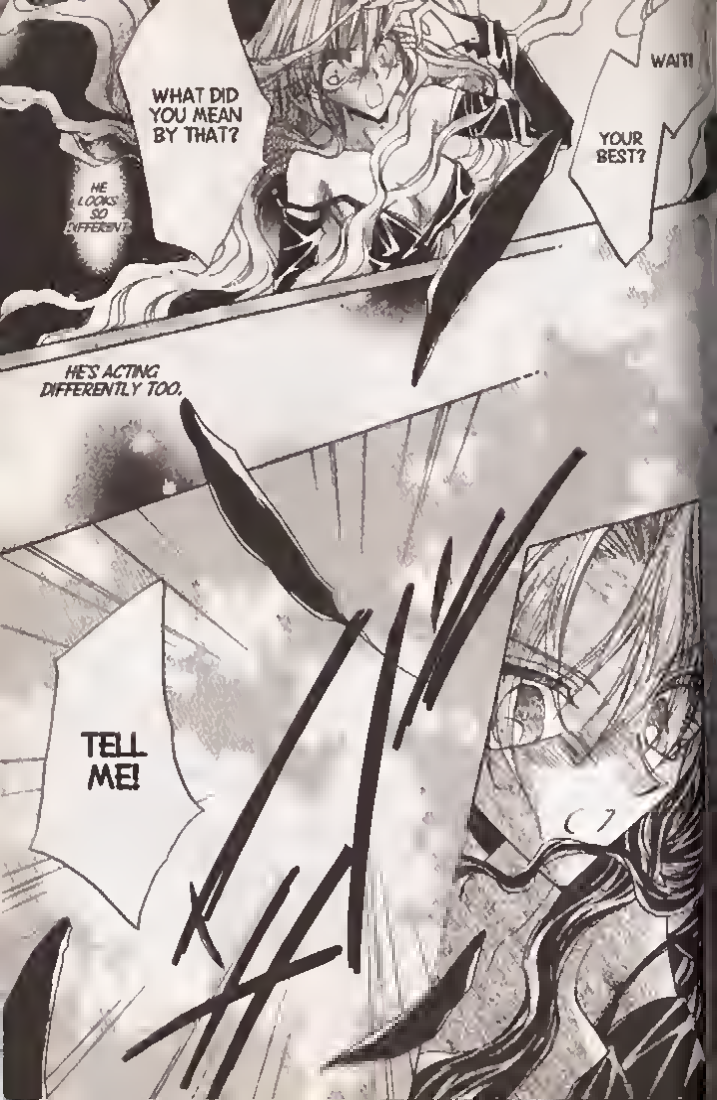
YOU'RE NOT A DEMON?
BUT YOU'RE STILL ZOMA, RIGHT?
HOP ON.
LET'S GO FIND RATH.
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT I AM.
BUT I REMAIN MYSELF.
I'LL DO MY BEST FOR YOU, CESIA.

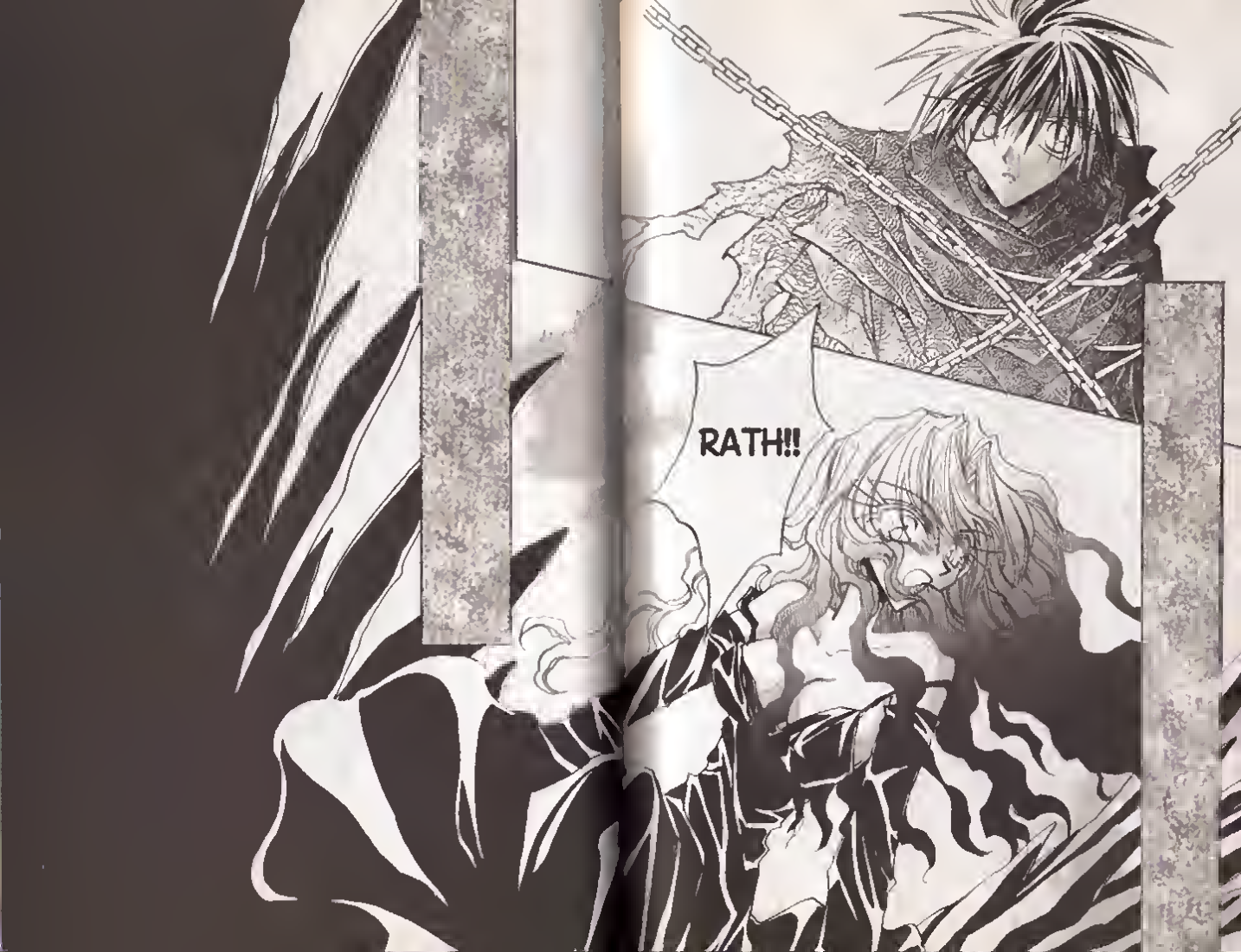

WAIT!
YOUR BEST?
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT?
HE LOOKS SO DIFFERENT
HE'S ACTING DIFFERENTLY TOO.
TELL ME!

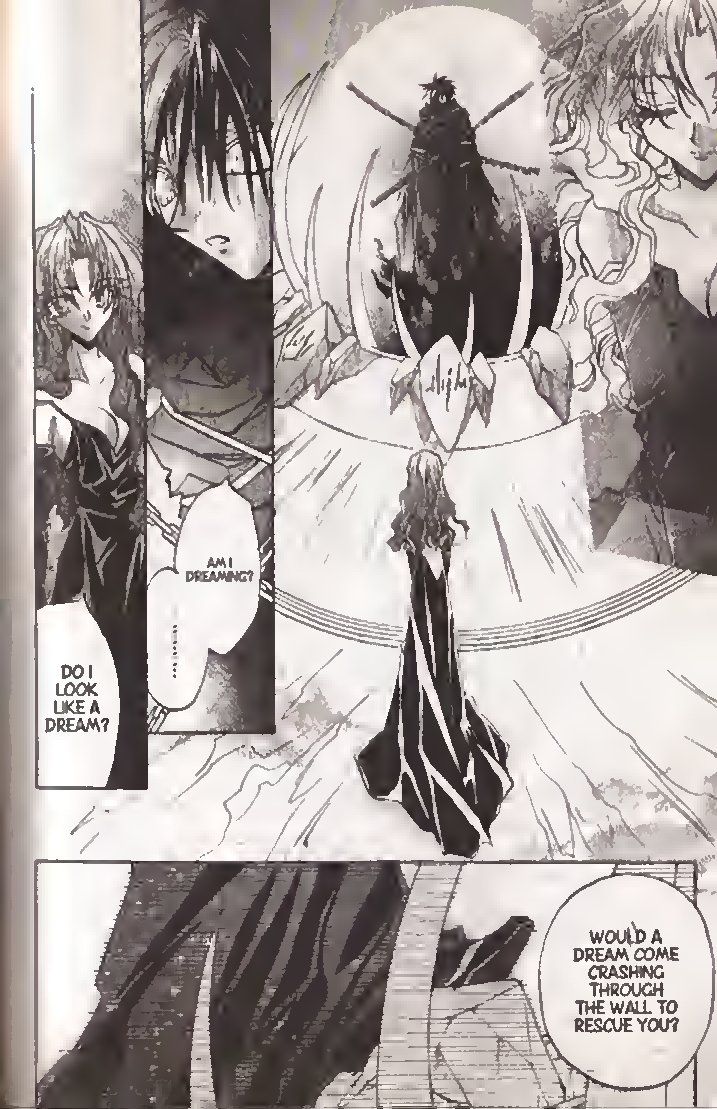
IT MAKES NO SENSE.
WHY ONLY RATH?
I THINK I KNOW, BUT I'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT LATER.
IT'S A LONG AND COMPLICATED STORY, AND WE HAVE TO FIND RATH FIRST.
I CAN PICK THE LOCK TO THIS CELL NO PROBLEM.
RUNE, HERE.
I'VE BEEN HOLDING ONTO THIS FOR YOU.
HUH?
YOUR HAIR'S LONGER, LIM KAANA.
WHY DIDN'T THEY TAKE ALL OF YOU?

WHAT'S THIS?
SOME KIND OF SPECIAL KEYHOLE?
ZOMA!!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?!

I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHERE THEY'RE KEEPING RATH.
PLEASE...
...I MUST CONCENTRATE. THERE IS DEMON MAGIC ALL THROUGHOUT THE CASTLE GROUNDS.
DEMON MAGIC?
I THINK SOMEONE PLACED A CURSE ON IT.
PROBABLY NADIL.
HUH?
WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER THE SEA OF THE DEAD.
HOLD ON TIGHT.
ENTER?!
WHAT?!
ARE YOU CRAZY ?!

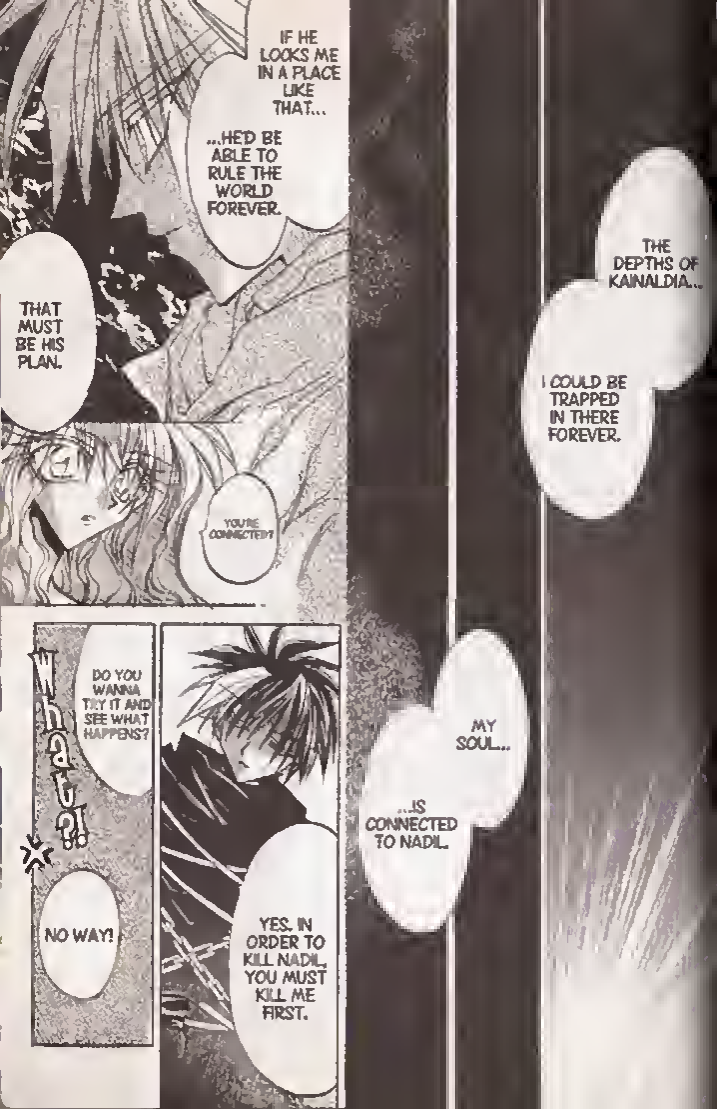
AAAAAAH!

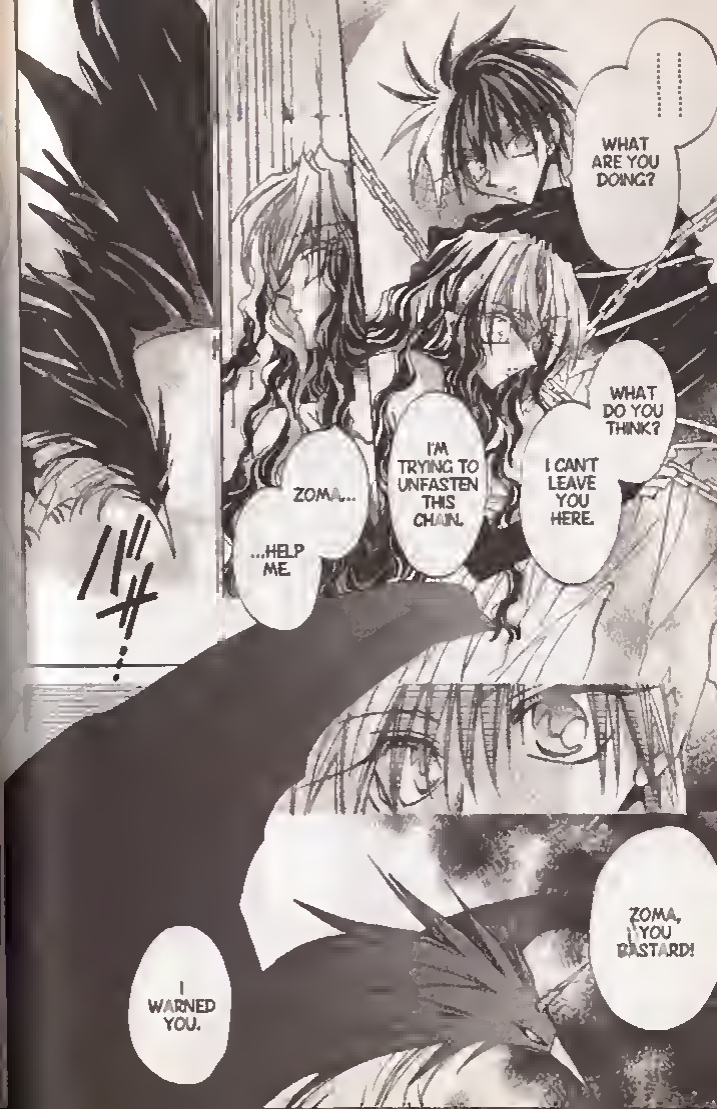

RATH!!


DO I LOOK LIKE A DREAM?
AM I DREAMING?
WOULD A DREAM COME CRASHING THROUGH THE WALL TO RESCUE YOU?

RATH...
...DO YOU REMEMBER OUR PROMISE?
IT WAS...
...SOMETHING YOU ASKED ME TO KEEP.
YOU DID?
WELL, YOU'RE MISSING SOMETHING.
IT WAS SO LONG AGO. I'VE FORGOTTEN.

OH, RATH, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT YOU?
IN THE CASTLE...
...THERE'S A HOLE THAT ONE COULD FALL INTO...
...AND AT ITS BOTTOM ARE THE DEPTHS OF KAINALDIA.
IS THIS HOLE...
...TO BE MY PRISON?
WELL...
...IF YOU REMAIN HERE, THEY COULD EASILY TRANSPORT YOU THERE WITH ONE SPELL.


IF HE LOOKS ME IN A PLACE LIKE THAT...
...HE'D BE ABLE TO RULE THE WORLD FOREVER.
THAT MUST BE HIS PLAN.
YOU'RE CONNECTED?
THE DEPTHS OF KAINALDIA...
I COULD BE TRAPPED IN THERE FOREVER.
MY SOUL...
...IS CONNECTED TO NADIL.
YES. IN ORDER TO KILL NADIL, YOU MUST KILL ME FIRST.
DO YOU WANNA TRY IT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS?
NO WAY!


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE.
I'M TRYING TO UNFASTEN THIS CHAIN.
ZOMA...
...HELP ME.
ZOMA, YOU BASTARD!
I WARNED YOU.

AND THIS WAS MY CHOICE.
YOU DESERVE A RESCUE, NOT A REPLACEMENT.
OF COURSE I REMEMBERED.
DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

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